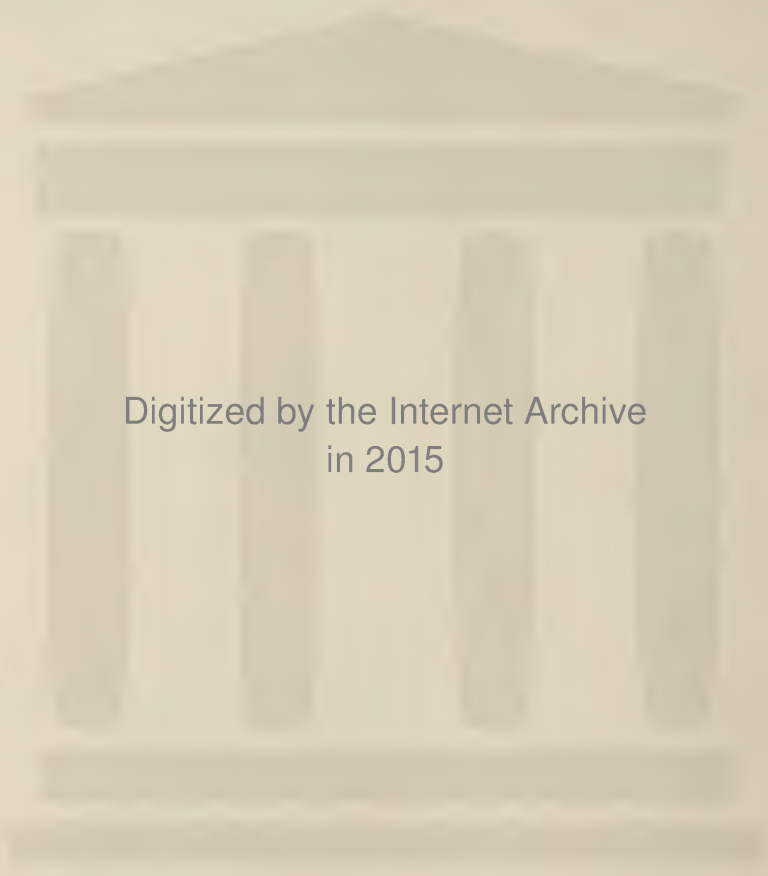


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**Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God.**

It is with great thankfulness that we are able to report an increase in the receipts of the month ending May 18th, so that the decrease of last month is in turn wiped out, and the account from January 1st to May 18th gives a gain of \$747 over the same months of 1894. There is a loss of over eight thousand dollars in legacies. Although, as we have often said, legacies cannot enter decisively in a comparison of receipts until the year is closed, yet we must bear in mind this decrease in our efforts to bring up the total amounts.

FOR our midsummer number we give our readers glimpses of midsummer in Africa, India, China, and Japan through the eye in pictorial reproductions rather than through the pen. We trust the change may be a pleasant one even though we may miss the vivid pen pictures of our missionaries.

ONE of the most interesting of the missionary societies in mission fields is the "Missionary Children's Missionary Association" in the Western Turkey Mission. Its members are the sons and daughters of missionaries; its headquarters are in Constantinople, and it has local societies, with suggestive names, such as "The Fishers of the Bosphorus," "Marsovan Gleaners," "Mountain Jewel Seekers," in all the seven stations of the mission. The local societies hold monthly meetings, and the annual meeting of the association occurs in connection with the annual meeting of the mission in the month of May. For a time the association supported an Indian girl at Hampton Institute, and later the funds—about fifty dollars a year—have been appropriated for schools in China and Ceylon; none of it has been used in

the Western Turkey Mission. Surely in this association missionaries and their work can never be vague nor unattractive; it cannot be a difficult matter to arouse an interest in the general subject of foreign missions.

IN the LIFE AND LIGHT several months ago was published an article by Miss Gordon-Cumming, of Scotland, on the wonderful work of William Murray in teaching the blind of China a quick method of learning to read. At a convention held at Liverpool recently, the London *Christian* says: "The audiences were almost electrified by the description of Rev. Wm. Murray's new invention of putting the Chinese language on paper in Roman numerals and dots, whereby any Chinese can learn to read his Bible in six or eight weeks. Mr. Murray, just in from Peking, was present, and Mr. Marcus Wood, of the China Inland Mission, gave it as his opinion that the invention would probably be a wonderful assistance to the missionaries, as well as others, for teaching the people to read. Mr. Murray is returning with new printing presses to produce the books quicker in Peking."

THE Student Volunteer Movement is making progress in the universities on the Continent of Europe. In Scandinavia a large summer conference of Christian students is being held annually. When Mr. Wilder visited Scandinavia and Denmark, he found a warm and ready response in the latter place; but the natural conservatism of the students of Scandinavia made them hold aloof from any new movement until they had time to test it. In Germany, this year has seen a new Christian movement in the universities, and one man, Mr. Mochert, is giving his whole time to its extension. For the last three years a quiet, solid Christian work has been going on among the fifteen thousand students of Paris. The Protestant students have formed a society of about two hundred men, which is one of the strongest and most distinct social groups in the whole university. Mr. Donald Fraser has just gone to establish a closer bond of union between this work and the British, and opportunities are afforded of speaking to the students about the Volunteer Movement in Britain and America. At the close of one of the meetings, a declaration which reads thus, "Je suis décidé, si Dieu le permet, à devenir missionnaire en pays étranger," was submitted for signatures, and nine men responded. There are strong hopes that the next few weeks will see considerable increase of interest in Paris, and an extension into other colleges in France and Switzerland.

THE New York *Independent*, with its monthly installment of letters from missionaries of all denominations and missionary secretaries, has become one

of our most valuable sources of strategic and timely missionary information. It should always be mentioned among the missionary periodicals that no specialist on this subject can afford to leave unread. A most interesting article appeared in the issue of this paper for May 9th, on "Japanese Women and the War," written by Miss Umé Tsuda, who is at the head of the English department of the Peeresses' School, in Tokyo. Miss Tsuda came to this country at an early age and received her education here, being graduated at Bryn Mawr, and after a few years in Japan, returned for an extra year of study at her Alma Mater. Her article is written in the most perfect English style, and is full of pathetic facts in regard to the almost sublime heroism of the women of Japan in parting with their husbands, brothers, and sons for the war. Among our readers there must be many who, from their own experiences during the Civil War, can appreciate this noble self-sacrifice of the Japanese women. The empress and her ladies prepare lint and bandages for the wounded men within the precincts of the imperial palace. The bandages sent to the hospitals from the palace are held almost sacred by the soldiers who receive them. In different sections of the country societies have been formed among the women to furnish comforts for the soldiers. It is said that in the interior there is a band of one hundred old women who go each day to worship at a shrine in order to pray for the lives of the soldiers in the war. They go and return on foot, making a daily walk of over five miles. Such facts as these which Miss Tsuda relates are of interest, even though the war is over; for as our Civil War was the beginning of the organized movement among the women of this country in philanthropic, benevolent, and missionary work, may we not hope that this banding together of our sisters in the Land of the Rising Sun may be the beginning of the illumination of their lives? Miss Tsuda is a fine example of what the educated and Christianized Japanese woman can become.

G. H. C.

*Regions Beyond* for April contains an interesting sketch of "Women's Foreign Missionary Societies in Great Britain." It says:—

THE women of Great Britain and Ireland are sending to women, by means of twelve different organizations, seven hundred and seventy ladies, of whom thirty-eight are medical workers, twenty being fully qualified doctors. These reach twenty different countries, employ about two thousand native helpers, and manage nine hundred schools, in which branch of their work sixty-four thousand girls and women are brought under Christian teaching. It is impossible to reckon the thousands of lives they daily touch and influence in their evangelistic, zenana, and medical work.





MIDSUMMER IN AFRICA.—AN AFRICAN FOREST.



## SOME MEMORIES OF MISSIONS.

BY MRS. F. E. CLARK.

MORE than eighteen hundred years ago, in a country that seems not very far away in these days of rapid travel, lived one whom we, to-day, call our Lord and Master. For centuries the way had been preparing for Him: prophets had spoken; miracles had been performed; the Lord himself had spoken; and yet when the Son of Man came to dwell upon earth, "he came unto his own, and his own received him not." Walking over those Judean hills, He must have seen much to sadden him,—many things that to us would seem discouraging and almost hopeless. And when the thirty-three years were over, and He hung upon the cross upon Calvary, how few there were that believed on him! To that little company of disciples who tarried in Jerusalem after His ascension, waiting for the promise of the Father, how hopeless it must have seemed, and how surprising that last command from the Master, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." And yet He gave the command to them, and he gives it to us to-day,—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." He does not say, "Go ye into all the United States only, or go ye into all Asia only," but "Go ye into all the world."

It was my privilege not very long ago to have glimpses of a good many parts of this great world of ours, and I often wondered, as I traveled on, how much this command should mean for us who live in this Christian land. As I hurried about from place to place, catching many interesting glimpses of "India's coral strand"; as I had opportunities to see and hear something of the work "where Afric's sunny fountains roll down their golden sands"; as I lingered where "the spicy breezes blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle"; as I had hasty glimpses of the work in China's crowded cities, and watched the Chinese families living in the house boats on "many an ancient river"; as I learned to know and love some of the girls in the schools and colleges of picturesque Japan; as I had many delightful peeps at our brown-faced brothers and sisters among the palm trees and cocoanut trees of the islands of the sea; as I was bounced, and jounced, and jolted, and jostled in a wagon over the rough roads of Asia Minor, that land of the Star and Crescent; as I looked at our brothers and sisters in sunny Italy and Spain, in the fair land of France, and many other parts of Europe,—I realized as I never had before how large the world is, and how great the command of our Master.

As I rode one day through the busy streets of Madura in a bullock bandy, watching the hurrying throngs of brown-faced men and women and children, as I wandered through that great heathen temple right in the heart of Madura, and saw how many the worshipers and how many the gods, I thought what a little piece of the world this great city was, and yet there is so much that we ought to do right here in Madura. I visited the Northgate

Church, and the Eastgate Church, and the Westgate Church; I went into the boys' high school and the girls' boarding school on the mission compound; I saw earnest Christian men, and sweet, brown-faced women; I saw bright, happy-faced girls and merry, honest, manly boys who were being trained for Christian service. I saw the day schools and the Sunday schools where the little brown boys and girls were learning of the love of Jesus. I saw how even the children had profited by the opportunities that had been given to them. I marked the difference between these boys and girls and the heathen children in the streets. I noted their bright, intelligent faces, and heard them repeat Bible verses and answer promptly the questions that were asked, and I thought, surely this is hopeful for the future of India. But how few were the Christian people compared with the thousands who had never yet heard the gospel. I went again through the streets, and I saw the throngs of people who were still living in degradation and ignorance; I met the great procession carrying the gods out for a triumphal ride, and I wondered how many of these people had ever even heard of a better way.

As I looked at the work and the workers, and then at the busy multitudes thronging the streets, I thought I knew how the disciples felt when they looked at their five small loaves and two little fishes for the five thousand people,—“What are they among so many?” And the question arose, Why are there so few? Is it partly my fault? is it yours? How far are you and I responsible for the people who live in and around Madura? And this is only one city, just a little spot on the map of India,—only one mission station! If we could visit all the mission stations in India we should see much to encourage us. But it is to-day as it was in the days when the Master was here: the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few, and there are many thousands in India who have not yet heard the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

And India is only one country, and takes but a very small part of the map of the world. If we could visit China, and Japan, and Turkey we should find things much the same. In every land they need more workers. There are many opportunities for work, and there are many who want the gospel, and there are workers all ready to go. What is needed now, and needed from us, is more money. If there was money enough in the mission treasury to send them, the missionaries would soon be found to go. Many have offered and are ready to go, only waiting to be sent. Now our part is to give. We can pray for our missionaries, and we can work for them and talk about the missionary work till we have interested others, but as we work and pray let us also give, remembering that

“Who gives himself with his gifts feeds three,—  
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me.”



MIDSUMMER IN CHINA.—A LOTUS FIELD NEAR PAO-TING-FU.



## INDIA.

## BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK IN THE VILLAGES.

BY MISS EVA M. SWIFT.

*Need and character of the work.*—The census returns for 1891 show that ninety per cent of the people live outside the large towns in small villages and hamlets. In the Madura *taluk* (county), within a radius of ten miles, are not fewer than three hundred villages. The work under my superintendence is confined to these villages.

We began to send out Bible women into these fixed communities about six years ago. Upon entering a new village they are met by the all-sufficient reasoning, "It is not our custom to learn to read; it is not our custom to sing." So it requires repeated visits and much earnest persuasion to induce the women to try to learn. Then after a Bible woman has succeeded in winning pupils, she must follow them to the fields, or the pasture, or the riverside, or wherever they may happen to be when she arrives. Many are the hindrances to regular study, and it takes the women long to learn to read. Yet this year we have had seven hundred and twenty pupils scattered about in forty-four villages. Six of these villages we have entered new this year.

*A visit to the villages.*—My morning hours are all occupied in teaching the Bible students; hence I go to visit in the houses in the afternoons only. I left home one blazing hot day in July at one o'clock. The drive of six miles lay along the river bed, and the glare of the white sand intensified the heat. The animals along the roadside were panting in the sun, and there was little life or activity anywhere. The Bible woman Lydia met me at the sixth milestone, and we turned off the road to cross the fields to a village a mile farther on. The wrenching our carriage wheels got in that mile was indescribable. When we arrived at our destination, as usual, numbers of children ran out to meet us and gaze upon the stranger. Groups of men under the banyans were so busily engaged in gambling as not to be disturbed by even the advent of a white person. We went down a narrow lane and entered a small courtyard. The door was closed and locked behind us, but this was the signal for yells and calls from outsiders, who desired to come in and see what was going on. The women who read desire to keep out the crowd, but the idle hangers about begin to beat on the door the moment it closes. This usually rouses up the gaunt pariah dog, which howls and barks ferociously; and all the women inside begin to scream at the dog, and at each other, to be quiet, and by that time the baby begins to scream too. While this introductory scene was being enacted on this occasion, I sat down





MIDSUMMER IN INDIA.—A COCOANUT PALM AND RICE FIELD.

on the mud floor and waited. When I thought they had chattered at each other long enough, I said: "You have lots of time to talk when I'm not here. It is my turn to talk now. Come and sit down, and listen." This seemed to put them in a good humor, and so they sat down, while I heard several young women read. After this came the Bible lesson, when we urged upon them, with all earnestness, the duty of accepting Christ.

In the next house we found a young woman learning to read, and had a most interesting talk with the aged grandmother, who clearly stated her belief in Christ and her desire to go to him. This pleasant talk over, we went in search of other pupils, but one had gone to market, and another to the fields, and others to bring the cows; so we went back over the fields to a village on the main road and began our work there. Down a street where the houses were so small and so dirty the people themselves begged me to sit outside the doorway in the street, for the sake of the air, I found some women sitting on the ground idly; and while waiting for some other girls to come in from the pasture, I opened my Bible at Matthew xxii. and invited them all to the marriage supper of the Lamb. A crowd of men and children gathered at the sound of my voice, and soon I found I had a large audience. The girls came in from their work in time to listen, and there in the midst of the crowd recited their Scripture texts. From that place we went on to several houses more, into one of which a crowd of idle young men pushed their way, making it very difficult for me to speak as I wished to the woman who lived there. It was then growing dark, and I remembered that the Bible woman still had her evening cooking to do, and that I had a drive of six miles, so we reluctantly turned our faces homeward, having visited thirteen women and told our message in the hearing of not fewer than fifty souls.

*Conditions under which village work is done.*—The missionary's visits to each village are necessarily somewhat infrequent, but the Bible women's visits are daily. Fifteen women are engaged in this work, which has been opened up and continued under the most difficult conditions. Except in such villages where we have a Christian congregation, it is not possible to send out a woman to live alone. The houses occupied by the villagers were occupied by their fathers before them, and in none but the largest villages are there houses to rent. When there are such houses their owners are afraid to rent them to Christians. Any sickness or misfortune in a family is at once attributed to the anger of the gods for having Christians in the houses of their followers.

Upon their return from their day's work, after trudging in the heat of the dry season, and the drenching rains of October and November, these women come home to cheerless houses, not to rest, but to go to the bazaar to do their



marketing, and back again to cook their food before they can take the rest they so much need. One woman's house leaked so badly that during one of the heavy rains the water rushed in a small torrent through the room in which she was trying to cook. She gathered up her cloth about her and let the water rush over her feet, while she stooped in front of her poor little fire holding an improvised umbrella over it to prevent it from being put out. This same woman on another day could not make a fire at all, and she and her sons lay down that night without their evening meal. Yet we heard no complaint about it.

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## TURKEY.

### A "WOMAN'S BOARD" IN ARMENIA.

BY MRS. J. K. BROWNE, OF HARPOOT.

PROBABLY there are few evangelical Christians who do not believe that mission churches should be also missionary churches, and that each member should have the missionary spirit expressed in the words, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Yet if the cry so often heard in America of "so much to do at home," be a valid excuse against working for foreign missions, it is certainly true on the mission field, where the claims of home missions are so imperative, and where famine, fire, floods, and earthquakes intensify the universal and terrible poverty.

During the earlier history of our station, while the people were coming into the light and spirit of the gospel, and while the needs of surrounding communities were so numerous and insistent, little thought could be directed to the claims of those beyond their borders. Then came the realization of the needs of the great region of Koordistan beyond the Tigris, and their responsibility for the sad condition of its inhabitants. Then our mission churches, finding it "more blessed to give than to receive," took up the work, and have sustained it for nearly thirty years at an annual expense during these later years of some six hundred dollars.

Several years ago Mrs. Wheeler, one of the pioneer missionaries in Eastern Turkey, felt that the time had come for organizing a missionary society among the Christian women of Harpoot. They welcomed it gladly, and from that time to the present the meetings have been continued,—with some fluctuations, it is true, but generally with marked and increasing interest.

At first, as the two churches in the city were under the care of the same pastor, the women of both congregations united in holding their missionary

meetings under Mrs. Wheeler's superintendence. But when the Central Harpoot Church became independent the missionary society was also divided, though each society still feels an interest in the other, and individuals from one side of the city attend the meetings on the other. For some years past the president and other officers have been entirely from the Armenian women. Careful accounts have been kept by the secretary and treasurer, and read at each meeting. No regular fee has been charged for membership, but each is expected to contribute according to her ability, and the offerings vary from a few cents to a dollar. Some are not able to bring money at all, but bring a pair of stockings, or something else, to be sold, and the proceeds given to the society. The receipts are divided into three parts, one third being sent to the Woman's Board of Missions in Boston; one third given to their own missionary work in Koordistan; and the remaining third to helping the poor in their own community, thus combining foreign and home missions.

Last winter the plan was tried of having a special topic assigned for the monthly meetings, as is done here in America; and Africa, India, Japan, and other mission fields were taken up. The principal address was given by a missionary lady, followed by remarks from some of the graduates of the college, who are married and live in the city, and are always ready to bear their part in every good work. In fact, it would be difficult to determine whether their influence was greater as teachers or pupils in the college, or now as the makers of Christian homes, in the land where the significance of the word home is only beginning to be known. Some of the women are scarcely able to comprehend that the world is so large, and that there are so many others in need of the gospel. I remember at the close of the meeting on India, one of the good sisters said to me as we were leaving the chapel: "I thought our lot was bad enough, but the poor women of India are much worse off. May the Lord have mercy upon them, and help us to pray for them and help them all we can."

From this organization as the parent have sprung the societies in the other stations of the Eastern Turkey Mission, and also those in our schools, there being a separate one in each branch of the female department of Euphrates College, and the money is apportioned in much the same way. One third has helped support three girls in Mrs. Edwards' school in Inanda, South Africa; the home third helps needy scholars; and the remaining third goes to Koordistan. Twice a year, also, the girls have a special missionary meeting with a carefully prepared programme, to which all the sisters in the church are invited. This meeting is followed by a sale of useful and fancy articles made by the girls or donated by others, the money received going to help swell the missionary offering.



In closing this brief sketch of the Woman's Board of Armenia, I cannot forbear alluding to some of its direct and indirect results.

It has been a means of education to both women and girls, showing them a little of what is outside the small territory where their life has been spent.

It has given them something else to think and pray about; and as they compare their condition with that of their sisters in India or Africa, they realize how much worse their lot might have been, and thank God for the blessings, comforts, and privileges which they enjoy. The gospel becomes more precious as they realize it is that which confers so many blessings on womankind. Mothers clasp their little ones closer, and exclaim in horror, as they hear of the Indian woman throwing her baby to the crocodiles, or giving her almost baby daughter in marriage; for young as girls are often married in Turkey, they are yet older than many a Hindu bride.

It has promoted truer Christian fellowship among the members and the churches which were formerly too much absorbed in their own needs and work. Now, they seek for news from their sister societies, and who can tell but that not so very many years hence the Woman's Board of Armenia will have its annual meetings, whose delegates shall come from many places on the Euphrates and Tigris to the feast of good things, from which they shall carry away much that shall be helpful and inspiring?

It has been productive of a deeper and more Christlike mutual love. Their sympathy and prayers flowing out to those beyond, more needy than themselves, have deepened and enlarged the channels of their own Christian experience, and intensified their zeal for all branches of home work.

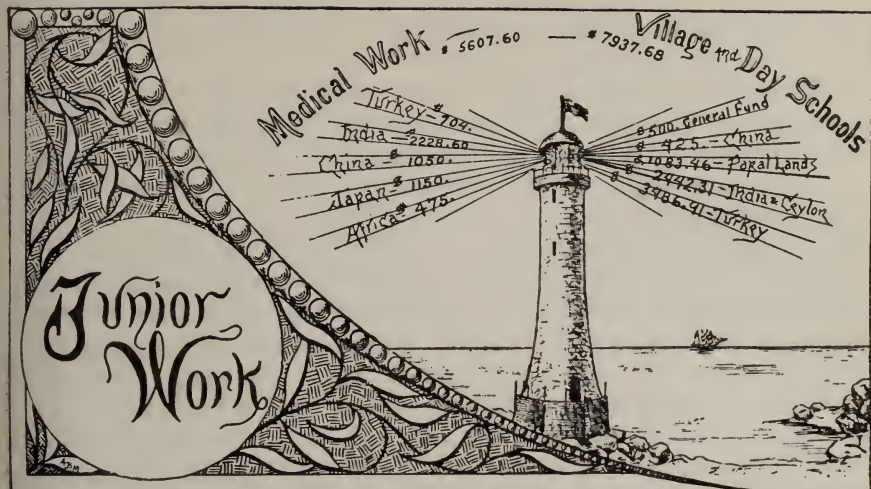
Without having statistics at hand, I am certain that the annual amount of the gifts of these Harpoot societies in money and work is not far from one hundred dollars, and fills us with wonder and gratitude.

But especially do we see its influence on the pupils of the college. The girls have been extremely interested in the letters which have come to them from Mrs. Edwards, in far-away Africa, to which they have replied; and the correspondence has given them broader views of life, and of the service which Christ expects from his true disciples. Then, too, the appeals which have come to them from one of their own number who has been laboring in Koordistan, have stirred their hearts and brought forth many a generous response in money and clothing, resulting in good to the poor neglected ones of their own nation. Such missionary ardor in their youth must exert a marked influence on their future service, and through them on the schools, churches, and communities where they may live and minister.



MIDSUMMER IN JAPAN.—TEA PICKING.





— To give light to them that sit in darkness Luke 1:77 —

A MISSIONARY HERALD.

BY MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER.

“DEAR heart, isn’t there something I can do for you? If you would only scold, or fret, or be impatient about things, and not look so absolutely angelic.”

Helen bent impulsively to kiss the pale, lovely face that looked up at her from its nest of pillows, and her aunt laughed at the impetuous girl.

“There is one thing,” she said; “it’s been on my mind for days, and I don’t see but you must do it for me.”

“Anything you ask shall be done. I will even face Bridget in her den, and tell her that the coffee is atrocious and the bread a disgrace to Christian civilization.”

“O, it is nothing so perilous as that; I couldn’t afford to sacrifice you. I want you to take my place at the missionary meeting next week.”

“Oh!” groaned Helen; “and you call that less disagreeable than Bridget? Well, I suppose I can go, if I must, though I don’t see what good it will do the heathen or the missionary society either.”

“But I am on the programme.”

“What?”

“On the programme. We make it out at the beginning of the year, and they are depending on me.”

“Aunt Mary, you don’t mean to say you can be so ridiculous as to expect me to take part in a missionary meeting! Why, I never go, and I don’t know a thing about missions—or care.”

“There’s time enough to learn; and as for caring, Helen dear, you were the brightest girl in your class; you could write, and talk, and sing like an angel. What are you doing with these talents of yours except to use them for your own pleasure? Don’t you think in common gratitude you ought to bring a tithe to the Lord?”

Helen was silent, and Mrs. Seymour watched her with tender eyes.

“I was to be a herald. We have some one for each meeting to bring some encouraging news of the growth of the kingdom, or some interesting item about the country or the people. I have been saving up things that I thought I might use, and they are all on my desk. The thing I meant to do was to give a *resumé* of some articles on mission work in India from a Brahmin’s standpoint, and Bishop Thoburn’s reply to the objections raised. I don’t think any of our ladies see *The Review*, and the reply was so strong and conclusive. But it would be a good deal of labor to condense it.”

“Never mind,” said Helen; “I’ll find something that will do without condensing, just for you, Aunt Mary.”

“And for the Master.”

“No; I’ll not pretend it is service; but I should be worse than a heathen if I would not do it for you.”

Mrs. Seymour watched Helen through the next week, and found her own quiet amusement in noting the changing expression of her beautiful face as she passed from frowns to tears over the literature she was examining, and finally settled down with an air of triumph upon a copy of *The Review*.

“She has made up her mind,” thought Mrs. Seymour, but she said nothing unless it was to the Friend and Counselor in whose wisdom she trusted.

“You have not even asked your herald what she was going to proclaim,” said Helen, mischievously, as she came to say good-bye on the afternoon of the meeting.

“You’re not my herald, dear;” said her aunt, “you are the herald of the kingdom, and the Master told his messengers what they were to proclaim. “The kingdom of heaven is at hand;” that was the message He gave them.”

Helen hesitated a minute at the door. “I wish you were going to proclaim it yourself,” she said. “Isn’t there another verse that says, ‘The kingdom of heaven is within you?’” and without waiting for an answer she went away.

In the dusk of the evening Helen sat beside the sofa with the thin, white hand of the invalid held between both her own while she told the story.



“The parlors were just full, and that was a surprise to begin with, and everybody was chattering, and laughing, and having a good time. Mrs. Robinson introduced all the newcomers, so they would enjoy the meeting better. Ever so many people spoke to me, and said lovely things about you, as they ought, and lovely things about me which I didn't at all deserve; so that, really, by the time they began I felt quite as if I belonged, and almost forgot I didn't believe in foreign missions.

“Somebody who had promised to sing was not there, and before I knew it I was sitting at the piano and singing, ‘In heavenly love abiding.’ I chose that for you, auntie; but there was a dear little woman in shabby black, sitting where I couldn't help seeing her, with the tears running down her face; and when I went back to my seat she caught my hand and whispered, ‘Bless you, child.’

“I'm afraid I wasn't attending much to the Scripture lesson until I waked up to hear something about the Lord's messengers, and how they were sent out to bind up the broken-hearted, and set at liberty the captives, and all the rest of that chapter that I supposed just meant Christ. But Mrs. Norton made it so plain that Christ passed his work on to his disciples; and then she turned to Revelations, and showed us that it was not just ministers, and missionaries, and people with a special call who were messengers of the kingdom, but ‘whosoever heareth’ was to say come, and that meant all of us. Then Mrs. Latimer prayed. Did you ever hear Mrs. Latimer pray, Aunt Mary?”

“Yes, dear.”

“Then you know how we all prayed with her. I felt as if she had put her arms around me and carried me right to the feet of Jesus Christ, and he was looking into my heart as he looked at Peter. I was ashamed; and yet the gladness was stronger than the shame, because the love was what seemed surest, but I wanted to get up from my knees and run away. For all at once I saw that I had been planning to be a herald of the kingdom of darkness, instead of the kingdom of light; and instead of saying ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand,’ with sight for the blind, and deliverance for the captives, and comfort for the broken-hearted, I had been intending to say that the kingdom was not coming, and all their working and waiting was a mistake. That was just what I meant to do, Aunt Mary. I had taken all the points from these two articles on the failure of missions, and expected to overwhelm those women by showing them how mistaken they were in thinking they really accomplished anything. And since I couldn't run away there was nothing for me to do when they called for the herald but to confess what a silly, conceited, useless sort of a servant I had been, and how ashamed I was

of it. And the only bit of good news I had to tell them was to repeat the verse we read in your 'Daily Strength' this very morning,—'And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.' I didn't think of myself when we read it, because you see I didn't know I was blind."

"Dear child," said Mrs. Seymour, as Helen laid her soft, fresh cheek against her pale face, "you know now what that other verse means, 'The kingdom of heaven is within you.' When it comes to us in that way we cannot help proclaiming it, for we know it is at hand."

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## FOR CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.—CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN FOREIGN LANDS.

BY MRS. JAMES L. HILL.

LET it be understood by the boys and girls that while the general topic for this month is Missionary Societies in Foreign Lands, we shall consider what will appear to them a very interesting department of it; namely, those missionary societies in foreign lands which are composed of children. Show them how short a time ago it was when there were no missionary organizations in this country. How many of the missionaries labored for years without securing a single convert. How now there are not only missionary organizations abroad, but even boys and girls have caught the spirit, and have organized themselves into missionary societies.

Tell the boys and girls about the Opportunity Seekers in Bombay, who brought their money to Mrs. Hume, and wished to have it go to foreign missions. She suggested that there was great need of it right in that mission. "O," but they said, "that would be home missionary work;" and so their ten dollars were sent to help the city missionary work in New Haven. The "Lend a Hand" society, composed of girls in Bombay, has sent money at different times to the Indians in Dakota and to a Huguenot school in Africa. They have caught the real missionary spirit. Explain to the boys and girls the meaning of the suggestive and heroic initials "M. C. M. A."—Missionary Children's Missionary Association.\* We have received reports of their annual meetings. You will find some of these reports in LIFE AND LIGHT, February, 1880; April, 1881; March, 1882. See also "The Children of Missionaries in India," by Dr. Root, in the *Dayspring* of August, 1889, and "A Mission Band in Japan," *Dayspring*, April, 1890. Tell the boys and girls about the many curious ways that little people in heathen lands have of raising money

\* See page 301.

for missionary extension. The story of little Emily Hammond Ament, whose home was in the great city of Peking, in China, will interest the children, and may be found in *Mission Dayspring* of June, 1893.



## Our Work at Home.

### SEMIANNUAL MEETING.

THE semiannual of the Board, held in Fall River, Mass., on Wednesday, May 29th, was one of great enthusiasm. The welcome of the Fall River and Old Colony Branch ladies was most cordial and inspiring. From the time that the guests entered the social rooms of the church on arrival, to meet smiling hostesses serving tea and lemonade; through the two sessions of the meeting; at the exquisitely arranged tables at noon; to the close of the day, when carriages and special cars took them to the station; nothing was omitted that could give comfort and pleasure.

As the meeting was combined with the semiannual meeting of the Branch, a half hour in the morning was given to its work as described by its secretaries and treasurer; and there was also a short memorial service for two of its prominent members, Mrs. Harrison Tweed and Mrs. C. L. Ward. A statement of the work of the Board was given by Miss A. B. Child, under the title "Signs of Promise." The Assistant Treasurer, Miss H. W. May, stated the receipts for the year, from January 1st to May 18th, to be \$37,616.03 in contributions and \$11,522.21 in legacies. A gain of \$747 in contributions and a decrease in legacies of \$8,004.51,—making a decrease of \$7,257.51 in total receipts.

The missionary address of the morning was a most vivid description of "Touring in Turkey," by Mrs. J. K. Browne. A pleasant link between Mrs. Browne and her audience was her friendship for Miss Harriet Seymour, for many years a member of her family in Harpoot, and for more than the same number of years supported by the Fall River Auxiliary. The closing



address was by Mrs. S. B. Capron, on "Safe Investments," in which she dwelt, in her own inimitable way, on the large returns received in the investment of prayer for those in mission lands.

The afternoon session commenced with a profitable discussion on "Increase of Membership," opened by Miss Stanwood, and was followed by a very charming talk from Mrs. J. H. De Forest, of Japan, on "The Japan Missionary in Her Home," letting us somewhat behind the scenes in the busy lives of missionary wives and mothers. The last hour of the afternoon referred particularly to young ladies' work. Mrs. Capron again lifted the audience upon a higher plane in depicting the daily opportunities for gleanings in Christian fields, if only each one were in her own place and alert for the work lying before her. Dr. Louise R. Smith brought the medical work in Van—its need and its success—so ably and picturesquely before the audience, that many felt as if they had actually been present in the city by the lake with its ancient traditions so curiously blended with its modern struggle for existence. A statement of the Junior work of the Board, by Miss Lamson, brought out most attractively its importance, its growth, and hopefulness.

It was a matter of great regret to all present that the beloved President of the Board must again be absent from the meeting, and again, as in November and January, a message of love and sympathy was sent her by a rising vote. The exercises of the day were admirably conducted by Mrs. C. H. Daniels, Vice President, and all who were present felt that it was good to be there.

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### LEAVES FROM OUR BRANCHES.

THE quarterly meeting of the *Eastern Connecticut Branch* was held in Willimantic, April 26th. There was a fine attendance, twelve churches being represented. After devotional service interesting letters were read from Misses Hyde and Huntington, our missionaries in Adabazar and Van, and special prayer was offered for them. Extracts from Miss Kyle's excellent paper on "Possibilities of Work in our Auxiliaries," were read, and its suggestions enforced by remarks by Miss Gilman.

LIFE AND LIGHT, our missionary magazine, was the special topic selected for consideration during the morning. In response to requests from our president several papers had been carefully prepared by young ladies of our auxiliaries, which proved to be of great interest. One traced the history of LIFE AND LIGHT from its first issue, setting forth its object, and showing its



growth from a quarterly to a monthly magazine, its changes in form and material to meet the needs of a growing organization, and through many years its constantly increasing subscription list. Another told us what use to make of back volumes of LIFE AND LIGHT; showing us how, in the careful reading of them, we find a connected history, from smallest beginnings, of many strong missions in which we are deeply interested, and the true story, as learned from their own old letters, of the life and struggle through the years of missionaries in whose present work and successes we are rejoicing. Scattered all through these old volumes are missionary incidents and inspiring words of missionary workers, at home and abroad, whose influence we cannot afford to lose out of our lives.

Another told how to make LIFE AND LIGHT useful in young peoples' missionary meetings, commending the plan for study outlined in it, and suggesting various ways of so using the abundance of material contained in it that it may serve the best end,—which is, “that we may know.” Only one told us what *not* to do with LIFE AND LIGHT. It should not be read in missionary meetings, but so thoroughly read at home as to be absorbed, and held ready for use whenever needed. If only one copy is taken it may be lent, not given away or destroyed, but carefully filed away for future reference. In the absence of one to whom it had been given to suggest ways of increasing its circulation, Miss Gilman urged strongly upon all members of our auxiliaries the duty of special effort in various ways to gain new subscribers.

There was strong and impressive testimony by those who had held fast by LIFE AND LIGHT through many years, to its value in keeping their minds in touch with the ongoing of Christ's kingdom in the world, especially with woman's share in that work, and their hearts warm toward the missionaries who are doing our work so faithfully in foreign lands. Miss Barbour, of Spain, was the missionary of the day, and on being introduced, said, “Nobody opens LIFE AND LIGHT with more pleasure than the missionaries on the field, and even the students in the school in Spain are much interested in it.”

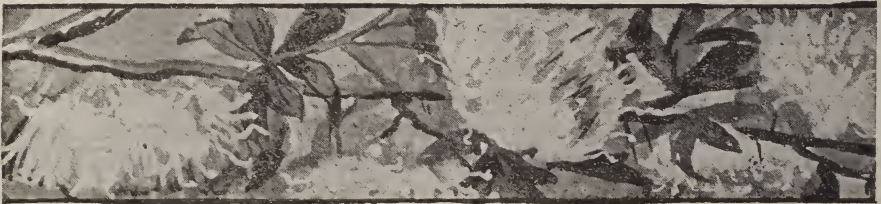
It is hoped that this service may yield some fruit in new subscribers to LIFE AND LIGHT in the *Eastern Connecticut Branch*. In the afternoon, after a service of prayer, in which many participated, Miss Barbour told of the beginnings of mission work in Spain by Mr. Wm. H. Gulick, in 1868,—of the building up of the evangelical school in San Sebastian; of the obstacles overcome, and the methods of instruction adopted by Mrs. Gulick, and of the large success which has been given her in her educational work. Her talk was full of pleasing and pathetic incident, and was listened to with great interest.

MRS. G. F. BARSTOW.

Junior Workers are always glad of an opportunity to gain inspiration from the experience of others: an invitation, therefore, to meet Miss Tuck, Secretary for Junior Work in the *Springfield Branch*, was gladly accepted by about thirty ladies from the vicinity of Springfield. A number of the ladies had recently taken up this work, and it was especially pleasant to become acquainted with these and welcome them to the ranks.

Miss Tuck opened the meeting by reading passages of Scripture. She then gave some details of the work committed to the children, for the year 1895; various points were brought up that will advance the harmony of the Branch work, and practical suggestions were made. An interesting relic—an autograph letter of David Livingstone's, written from Africa—was passed from one to another. Then followed several prayers—the most helpful part of the meeting to those who feel a heavy responsibility for the right guidance of the young people.

Each leader was then called on for an informal report of her Circle for the year; a good showing was made of money contributed, of meetings held, of interest maintained. One leader spoke of "An Objector's Meeting," at which an officer of the Branch had consented to take the rôle of the lady who does not believe in foreign missions, while one member of the society after another answered her objections and overthrew her arguments; we were all glad to learn that at the close of the meeting she proclaimed herself thoroughly convinced of the value and duty of foreign effort. Another leader told of "knifework" for a boys' circle, by which restless hands were kept busy in fashioning articles for a future sale.



#### OUR BOOK TABLE.

*Demon Possession and Allied Themes.* Being an Inductive Study of Phenomena of Our Own Times. By Rev. John L. Nevius, D.D. For Forty Years a Missionary to the Chinese. With an Introduction by Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D.D. With an Index: Bibliographical, Biblical, Pathological, and General. Fleming H. Revell Co. Svo. Pp. 482. Price, \$1.50. 1894.

Three things make Dr. Nevius' book on demon possession a remarkable contribution both to the literature of modern psychology and to that of the Christian evidences. 1. It is written with the utmost coolness, impartiality, and judicial balance of mind, and in a style of great clearness and precision. 2. It is based on original investigations undertaken without any preconceived theory, and, indeed, with prepossessions inclining the author to adopt a strictly naturalistic explanation of the amazing phenomena forced on his attention during a missionary experience of nearly half a century. 3. It offers exceedingly significant, if not conclusive evidence, that demoniacal possession is a modern fact. Experiences almost precisely parallel to those detailed in the gospel narratives as to possession of human beings by demons, are here recorded, as they yet take place in the vicinity of pagan temples in China and elsewhere among a people of somewhat low intellectual and moral development.

Dr. F. F. Ellinwood, the distinguished Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, after more than quarter of a century of acquaintance with Dr. Nevius, says that he regards him as a man peculiarly fitted to examine so intricate and difficult a subject. His philosophic insight, his judicial fairness of mind, his caution, and his conscientious thoroughness, his mastery of the Chinese language spoken and written, his intimate sympathy with the people, and his correspondingly true interpretation of their innermost thought and life, rendered him capable of ascertaining the real facts in the case, and of forming accurate judgments upon them." (Introductory Note, page iii.)

The Rev. Arthur H. Smith, whose brilliant book on "Chinese Characteristics" has won such high praise in all quarters, has written on the flyleaf of the copy of Dr. Nevius' book owned by the present reviewer, the following words: "I am personally acquainted with the Shantung field described in this work, knew, admired, and loved the distinguished and honored author, and am convinced that his book is a record of realities, and embodies a true explanation of fundamental and vital facts."

Dr. Nevius points out twenty-four particulars in which the manifestations or symptoms of demon possession as they appeared in the cases he examined in China, correspond with those narrated in the New Testament (pages 255-261). The correspondence is astonishingly complete and circumstantial. "Nothing," says Dr. Nevius, "has excited more surprise than the fact that the subjects of these manifestations in China, without any previous knowledge of the New Testament, have again and again evinced a knowledge of God, and especially of our Saviour, and have acknowledged the authority and power of Christ."



Prayer in the name of Jesus, and a command from genuine Christians given in his name to the evil spirit to depart, has again and again effected exorcism. In one case the spirits cast out seemed to enter the bodies of inferior animals, as in the New Testament narrative of the Gadarene swine. Casting out demons in the name of Christ was one of the proofs given by the apostles of the Divine origin of their message.

Our Lord himself promised that the Apostles should have power to cast out evil spirits in his name. Mr. Arthur H. Smith read this wonderful promise on a certain occasion to the present reviewer, and claimed most solemnly that it is fulfilled to this day in the experiences of faithful missionaries and native preachers in China and elsewhere. As it was in the first generations reached by Christianity, so now the casting out of demons in the name of Christ is an evidence, readily appreciated and understood by the masses, of the presence and power of our ascended Lord, "thus convincing men of the Divine origin and truth of Christianity, and preparing the way for its acceptance" (p. 259).

Anti-supernaturalistic criticism of the Gospel narratives concerning demon possession appears very arbitrary and superficial in presence of the experiences narrated in Dr. Nevius' book. Immense importance attaches to the substantiation of the reality of the intercourse of disincarnate spirits with men, whether the communications received from beyond the range of ordinary human consciousness appear to come from evil spirits or from good. The scriptural direction is that we are to try the spirits to ascertain whether they are of God.

It is highly important to notice that Dr. Nevius is no spiritualist, but he, like Prof. Austin Phelps, or Prof. Theodor Christlieb, or John Wesley, is inclined to be a Biblical demonologist. He quotes many defenders of the psychological theory offered in explanation of the abnormal phenomena he discusses, but he adheres himself to the Biblical theory as far more coherent, satisfactory, and scientific than any other.

Henry W. Rankin, Esq., of East Northfield, Mass., a son of Dr. Nevius' colleague at Ningpo, and one of the promoters of the work of Mr. Moody's colleges and conventions, has carried this volume through the press, added to it valuable indices, and an important chapter entitled "Facts and Literature of the Occult." The references to the literature issued by the London Society of Psychical Research, and by various specialists in psychology, particularly by Prof. Wm. James of Harvard University, Prof. Austin Phelps, Prof. Christlieb, Dr. Wm. Carpenter, and others, are copious and yet cautiously sifted.

On the whole, we commend this book as an important contribution to current discussions of the Christian evidences, and of psychology in some of

its most strategic and alluring departments. Let the positions taken by Dr. Nevius in this volume be once securely established, and the materialistic philosophy which denies the reality of the supernatural is overthrown, the Gospel narratives concerning demon possession are shown to be plain statements of matters of fact, and a flood of light is thrown upon some of the most vital and fundamental religious truths hitherto scouted by science, falsely so-called, and yet affirmed in the Holy of Holies of Revelation.

JOSEPH COOK, LL.D.

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### TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

*July.*—Pioneers and Veteran Workers in Micronesia. See LIFE AND LIGHT for June.

*August.*—Missionary Societies in Mission Lands.

*September.*—Contrasts in Africa as shown in the lives of Robert and Mary Moffat and Rev. Josiah Tyler.

*October.*—Latter Day Reformers, the work of Mrs. Clara Grey Schaufler, Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick, Mrs. Gertrude C. Eaton.

#### TOPIC FOR AUGUST.

Missionary Societies in Mission Lands.

In the girls' schools supported by the Board in mission fields, almost without exception there are organizations of some form doing mission work for others. Brief mention is made of these in many of the reports of girls' schools in back numbers of LIFE AND LIGHT. An account of the society in the American College for Girls in Constantinople will appear in the monthly leaflet. There is also a pleasant sketch of "The Morning Star Society" in the boarding school in Madura, India, in LIFE AND LIGHT for July, 1889, and of the society in the Bridgman School, Peking, in September, 1883.

Missionary societies abound, also, among native Christian women. Making selections we suggest that sketches be given of those in Tung-cho, China (see LIFE AND LIGHT for January, 1883, August and September, 1885, December, 1887, and November, 1890); in Harpoot, Turkey (May, 1883, October, 1885, page 364; July, 1887, page 269; November, 1891, pages 495 and 503); in Van, Turkey (July, 1886); in Micronesia (July, 1892); in Madura, India (see monthly leaflet). See, also, an account of A Woman's Club in Bombay, in LIFE AND LIGHT for May, 1891.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Receipts from April 18 to May 18, 1895.

Miss ELLEN CARRUTH, Treasurer.

## MAINE.

*Maine Branch.*—Bangor, Central Ch., 60, S. S., 36, Hammond St. Ch., S. C. E., 15.57, Friends, 44; Castine, Desert Palm Soc., 55; Portland, Williston Ch., Light Bearers M. C., 10, High St. Ch., Aux., 234.35, Union, Aux., 10; Calais, Aux., 30; Bridgton, Aux., 14.75; Lebanon Centre, Aux., 7.25; Blanchard, Aux., 4; Machias, King's Daughters, 52, Woodford's Aux., 15; Bath, Willing Workers, 27; Greenville, Aux., 16, Lakeside Helpers, 65; Topsham, Aux., 5; Portland, Seaman's Bethel Ch., S. C. E., 17.50; Willard, Jun. S. C. E., 10; Bethel, First Ch., 11.36; South Paris, Cong. Ch., 3.77,

743 55

Total, 743 55

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*New Hampshire Branch.*—Miss A. E. McIntire, Treas. Amherst, Aux., 29; Brookline, Aux., 18; Durham, Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc., 4.40; East Jaffrey, Buds of Promise, Jun. Aux., 20; Kingston, Rainbow Band, 6; Manchester, First Ch., Aux., 25, Children's Easter Offering, 11.55; Nashua, Aux., 25, A Friend, 2, Mrs. H. A. Albee, 38.60, Miss H. Knowles, 13.20, Mrs. Lydia Nourse, 17.60; Newport, Ladies of Cong. Ch., 14.56; Plaistow and North Haverhill, Aux., 22; Portsmouth, Young People's Society, 6.25; Stratham, Cong. Ch. S. S., 13.62, Warner, Aux., 5; Webster, Alfred Little Gleaners, 5; West Lebanon, Aux., 10,

286 78

Total, 286 78

## LEGACY.

*New Hampshire Branch.*—Lyme.—Legacy of Mrs. Louise S. Grant,

50 00

## VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Cambridge, Aux., 3, Second Cong. Ch., 5; Fairlee, Aux., 23; Fairfax, Mrs. A. B. Beeman, 2; Hardwick, East, S. C. E., 4.50; Lyndon, Aux., 5; Manchester, S. C. E., 5; New Haven, S. C. E., 10; St. Johnsbury, South Ch., Aux., 29; Waitsfield, Aux., 5; Shoreham, S. C. E., 2.25. Less expenses, 11.75,

82 00

*Putney.*—E. H. Field,

2 00

Total, 84 00

## MASSACHUSETTS.

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*Barnstable Co. Branch.*—Miss A. Snow, Treas. Yarmouth, Aux., 10.75; Orleans, S. C. E., 10,

20 75

*Berkshire Branch.*—Mrs. C. E. West, Treas. Housatonic, Aux., 12.53; Pittsfield, First Ch., Aux., 1, Weekly Off., 12.91; South Egremont, Aux., 50; Two Friends, 225,

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351 35

*Essex South Branch.*—Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas. Saugus, Aux., 10; Danvers, Maple St. Ch., Aux., 20; Lynnfield, South, Aux., 12,

42 00

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*Hampshire Co. Branch.*—Miss H. J. Kneeland, Treas. Chesterfield, Aux., 10; Easthampton, Emily M. C. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Mary L. Deane), 30; Granby, Aux., 5.50; Hatfield, Aux., 9.15; Haydenville, Aux., 31.35; Northampton, First Ch., division, 100, Edwards Ch., division, 41.25; South Amherst, Aux., 23; Hadley, Jun. Aux., 7.12, Aux., 25; Northampton, Edwards Ch., Jun. Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Ella Clark), 133,

415 37

*Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Hopkinton, Cong. Ch., 10; Framingham, Ladies of Plymouth Ch., 45, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Anna C. Gates), 152; Marlborough, Aux., Easter Off., 15; Wellesley, Aux., 45,

267 00

*Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Miss Sarah B. Tirrell, Treas. Brockton, Aux., 160; Cohasset, Mission Circle, 5; Hanover, Aux., 2; Kingston, Mayflower Ch., Jun. Endeavorers, 2; Milton, Helping Hand Band, 30,

199 00

*Old Colony Branch.*—Miss F. J. Runnells, Treas. Edgartown, Aux., 6.65; Fall River, Central Ch., S. C. E., 15, Jun. Miss. Soc., 50; Attleboro, Second Cong. Ch., Jun. S. C. E., 5, S. C. E., 10; Lakeville, Aux., 33,

119 65

*Saundersville.*—Mary E. Fowler, *Springfield Branch.*—Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. Holyoke, Second Cong.

24 00



Ch., S. C. E., 10; Chicopee, Third Ch., Busy Bees, 15; South Hadley Falls, Aux., 7.82; Holyoke, First Ch., Aux., 60; Ludlow, Golden Threads, 5; Indian Orchard, Wiling Helpers, 10; Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 288.10; Hope Ch., Mission Reserves, 10; Memorial Ch., Aux., 14.40; North Ch., S. C. E., 5; Olivet Ch., S. S., 30.

*Sturbridge.*—Ladies' Miss'y Soc., 455 32  
*Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Myra B. Child, 10 00  
 Treas. Auburndale, Aux., 13; Boston, Old South Ch., Aux., 97; Berkeley Temple, Aux., 41; Shawmut Ch., Aux., 312.07; Shawmut Helpers, 5; Brighton, Cong. Ch., Little Helpers, 10; Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux., 100; Chelsea, First Ch., M. C., 5; Dorchester, Second Ch., Y. L. Miss. Soc., 61, S. C. E., 10, Village Ch., Sunshine Circle, 10, Central Cong. Ch., 5; Foxboro, Tracy, S. C. E., 1; Hyde Park, Jun. S. C. E., 10; Jamaica Plain, Central Ch., Aux., 105.50, Jun. S. C. E., 35; Newton, Eliot Ch., Eliot Aids, 15; Roxbury, Emmanuel Ch., S. S., 5; Somerville, Winter Hill Ch., Aux., 16.86; Youthful Helpers, 15, Ever Ready Circle King's Daughters, 5, Hillside Circle King's Daughters, 5, S. C. E., 15, S. S., 15; South Boston, Phillips Ch., Branch Jun. Soc., 2, Chapel Jun. Soc., 2, Jun. S. C. E., 5, 922 43

*Worcester Co. Branch.*—Mrs. C. L. Sumner, Treas. Worcester, Collection at a Union Meeting, through Mrs. S. B. Capron, 35; Upton, First Cong. Ch., S. C. E., 10; Worcester, Plymouth Ch., S. C. E., 10; Clinton, Aux. (of wh. 25 by Mrs. A. C. Dakin, const. L. M. Mrs. W. W. Jordan), 73.45; Southbridge, Brookside M. C., 10; South Royalton, Aux., 5; Westborough, Aux., 30, S. C. E., 5; Whitinsville, Extra Cent-a-Day Band, 15.21; Warren, Aux., 15.36; Worcester, Piedmont Ch., Jun. S. C. E., 7, Park Ch., Aux., 10, Central Ch., Aux. (of wh. 100 const. L. M.'s Mrs. Edward M. Chapman, Mrs. Rufus B. Fowler, Mrs. Asa V. Hill, Miss Mary Averill), 103, Plymouth Ch., Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Herbert O. Houghton, 329 02

Total, 3,777 59

LEGACIES.

*Boston.*—Legacy of Mrs. Mary W. Hyde, 500 00  
*Lynn.*—Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. W. Ford, 1,900 00

RHODE ISLAND.

*Rhode Island Branch.*—Miss A. T. White, Treas. Providence, Pilgrim Ch., Miss Shepley's S. S. Class, 5, Aux., 43 cts., Little Pilgrims, 20, Central Ch., Jun. S. C. E., 5, Mrs. Lathrop (const. L. M.'s Mrs. Edward C. Moore, Mrs. Harriet Carpenter, Mrs. Johns H. Congdon), 75, Free Ch., Aux., 37, Union Ch., J. A. N. B. M., 13, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 16, Bristol Aux., 61.76; Kingston, S. C. E., 10, 243 19

Total, 243 19

CONNECTICUT.

*Eastern Conn. Branch.*—Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Chaplin, Aux., 11.55; Colchester, Aux., 58.40, United Societies,

Thank Off., 31.06, Wide-Awake M. C., Thank Off., 1, Boys' M. B., Thank Off., 1.54, Y. P. S. C. E., 5; Windham, Aux., 18; New Loudon, Second Ch., Y. L. Guild, 10; Jewett City, Jun. S. C. E., 5; Westminster, S. C. E., 8; Norwich, First Ch., Lathrop Memorial Soc. (of wh. 75 const. L. M.'s Mrs. George C. Hyde, Mrs. Owen Smith, Miss Emma Backus), 87.38, S. S., 4; Greenwicht, S. C. E., 10; Norwich, Park Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Harriet N. Fellows), 30, Thank Off., 71.76; Abington, Aux., 5; Lisbon, Aux., 31; New Loudon, First Ch., Aux., 76.26, 464 95

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*New Haven Branch.*—Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Adana, Aux., 5.14; Ansonia, Aux., 10; Brookfield Center, Aux., 12.68; Centerbrook and Ivoryton, Aux., 81.50; Chester, Aux., 26.85; Cornwall, Aux., 11; Derby, First Ch., Aux., 52.66; Durham, Aux., const. L. M. Miss Ella E. Merwin, 25; East Hampton, Aux., 38; East Haven, Aux., 40; Ellsworth, Aux., 10.75; Goshen, Aux., 32.50; Greenwich, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M.'s Mrs. R. T. Hall, Mrs. F. W. Childs, Mrs. Seaman Mead, Mrs. Alfred Bell, Mrs. Benjamin Wright, Mrs. Whittman S. Mead, Mrs. Willis Wilcox, Miss Ahmia Mead, 54.20; Meriden, Center Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. E. B. Tyler), 154.50; Middletown, First Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 by a Friend, to const. L. M. Mrs. Thomas Gilbert), 91; Middlebury, Aux., 25; Milford, First Ch., Aux., 13.70; Plymouth Ch., Aux., 8; Milton, Aux., 17; Naugatuck, Aux., 25; New Haven, Church of the Redeemer, 111.70, College St. Ch., Aux., 54.75, Davenport Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25, from Miss Susan Parmelee, const. self L. M.), 107, Dwight Place Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Kate Lewis), 126, Howard Ave. Ch., Aux., 46, Humphrey St. Ch., Aux., 75, United Ch., Aux., 48.85, Yale College Ch., Aux., 99; New Preston, Aux., 39; Northfield, Aux., 2; North Madison, Aux., 11.65; North Stamford, Aux., 8.50; North Woodbury, Aux., 45.50; Norwalk, Aux., 50; Orange, Aux., 26; Portland, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Wm. Bartlett, 30; Redding, Aux., 25; Ridgefield, Aux., 43.50; Roxbury, Aux., 14.50; Salisbury, Aux., 24; Sharon, Aux., 130; Sound Beach, Aux., 8; South Norwalk, Aux.,

82.63; Thomaston, Aux., 32.50; Torrington, Aux., Mrs. Alstine M. Birge, 24; Waterbury, Second Ch., Aux., 122.50; West Haven, Aux. (of wh. 25 from Mrs. S. P. Beardsley const. L. M. Mrs. James Walker), 56.55, Wilton, Aux., 20; Winsted, Aux., 31.35,	2,229 96
Total,	4,098 13

## LEGACY.

<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Hartford, Legacy from estate of Mr. R. S. Burt,	200 00
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## NEW YORK.

<i>Baiting Hollow.</i> —A Friend,	5 00
<i>New York City.</i> —A Friend,	5 00
<i>New York State Branch.</i> —Miss C. A. Holmes, Treas. Poughkeepsie, A Friend, 10; Autwerp, Aux., 35.39, Day Spring Band and S. C. E., 12.33; Albany, Miss Janet McNaughton, 3; Brooklyn, Puritan Ch., M. B. (of wh. 15 complete L. M. Miss Bessie Ketcham), 50, Lewis Ave., Evangel. Circle of King's Daughters, 29.31, Y. P. S. C. E., 10, Earnest Workers, 38.20, Jun. Evangel. Circle of King's Daughters, 5.40, Central Ch., Aux., 190, Band of Hope, 10, Tompkins Ave., King's Daughters, 25; District, 4, New England Ch., Ladies' Soc. for Christian Work, 18, Plymouth Ch., Young Woman's Guild, 10; Berkshire, Daisy Band, 2, Aux., 23.50; Buffalo, Niagara Sq., People's Ch., Aux., 35.70; Binghamton, First Ch., Aux., 33.15, Mrs. Edward Taylor, 10; Bridgewater, Aux., 11.50; Clayton, Aux., 10.44; Cortland, Young Ladies' Band, 15.50, Jun. Band, 5.50, Aux., 20; Chenango Forks, Aux., 5.10; Copenhagen, Aux., 20; Canandaigua, Aux., 370; Crown Point, Aux., 8; Cambridge, Aux., 12.80; Candor, Young Ladies' Miss' Guild, 5; East Smithfield, Pa., S. C. E., 8.52, M. B., 2.10; Elizabethtown, Mrs. Ellen D. Wild, 2; East Albany, Aux., 5; Fairport, Mr. G. Brooks, to const. L. M. Mrs. D. Hine, 25, Aux. (of wh. 10 completes L. M. H. Irmagarde Schummers), 50; Flushing, Aux., 39.26, S. C. E., 25; Franklin, Aux., 45.25; Gloversville, Aux., 93.42; Blue Bell Band, 10, Games' Union, 10; Hamilton, Aux., 5.50, S. S., Primary Dept., 2, S. C. E., 10, J. S. C. E., 2.50; Honeoye, Aux., 20, Cheerful Givers, 10, Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., 10, Happy Workers, 2; Homer, Miss Ellen Phillips, 2, S. S., 7.88; Henrietta, Aux., 9; Java Village, Aux., 10; Jamestown, Aux., 25; LeRaysville, Pa., 30; Lysander, Young Ladies' M. B., 5; Morristown, Aux., 16.50; Middletown, Crane Mission, 18.62; Millville, Aux., 11.07; Northville, Aux., 10, S. C. E., 20; Norwich, King's Daughters, 10; Northfield, Aux., 21; Napoli, Aux., 10; New Haven, Aux., 9.78, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, 19.75; Niagara Falls, Penny Gatherers, 22.55, Aux., 21; Newark Valley, Aux., 20, China Band, 13; New York, Broadway Tabernacle, Soc. for Woman's Work, 170, Bedford Park, Aux., 10, S. C. E., 10; Norwood, Aux., 18.50; Owego, Aux., 35; Oswego, Happy Hearts, 5; Perry Centre, Aux., 32; Phoenix, Aux., 3; Philadelphia, Aux., 5;	

Poughkeepsie, Opportunity M. C., 10, S. C. E., 10, Aux., 25; Patchogue, Aux., 25; Rochester, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 25; Randolph, Aux., 18.85; Spencerport, Aux., 30; Syracuse, Pilgrim Chapel, Ladies' Aid Soc., 5, Good Will Ch., Aux., 11, Plymouth Ch., S. C. E., 15, Geddes Ch., Aux., 24.33; Scranton, Plymouth Ch., Juniors, 7, Aux., 20; Sandy Creek, Aux., 14.40; Sidney, Days' ring M. C., 5; Summer Hill, Aux., 26.40; Saratoga Springs, New England Ch., Aux., 10; Utica, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 5; West Winfield, S. C. E., 10; West Bloomfield, Aux., 20.05; Wellsville, Woman's Miss. Union, 11.30; Warsaw, S. C. E., 4.89, Aux., 11.90; West Grotton, Aux., 20; Waltou, Aux., 13. Less expenses, 29.90,	2,365 24
Total,	2,375 24

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Miss Emma Flavell, Treas. Md., Baltimore, Aux., 31.10; N. J., East Orange, Trinity Ch., Aux., 40.25; Westfield, Y. L., 25; Pa., Philadelphia, Aux., 66.46, Y. L., 60, Snowflakes, M. C., 20,	242 81
Total,	242 81

## FLORIDA.

<i>Winter Park.</i> —Woman's Foreign Miss. Soc.,	30 00
Total,	30 00

## ILLINOIS.

<i>Serena.</i> —A Friend of Missions,	5 00
Total,	5 00

## CALIFORNIA.

<i>Los Angeles.</i> —West End, Y. P. S. C. E.,	4 25
Total,	4 25

## CANADA.

Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions,	204 80
Total,	204 80

## FOREIGN LANDS.

<i>Micronesia.</i> —Girls in Kusaie School,	10 65
Total,	10 65

General Funds,	12,105 99
Leaflets,	34 66
Legacies,	2,650 00
Total,	\$14,790 65

MISS HARRIET W. MAY,

Ass't Treas.



## WORD FROM OTHER LANDS.

INDIA—MRS. J. C. PERKINS.

A FEW days ago we went over to a place one mile from here, where the people are of the lowest caste and very poor.

### A CHILD'S FUNERAL.

We heard after reaching the church that a three-days'-old baby had just died, and the people would not be able to come to the service until after the funeral. We followed the native pastor to the house, which was quite near the church. An old woman, too old to go into the house of mourning, lay moaning at the side of the court. We passed her, and found ourselves in a crowd of people,—friends and relatives of the parents. Outside of the hut a woman sat holding the baby,—the tiniest bit of humanity I ever beheld. From the house issued the most dreadful sounds of women wailing. They had all crowded in the small room, and were sitting round the bereaved mother, encouraging her in her grief. Mr. Perkins spoke to them a few minutes, and after a prayer the men took the baby, tied it in a cloth, and laid it in a corner of the yard. We asked why it was not put in the ground outside. An old man solemnly informed us the native physician would cut off its head for medicine, and the mother would never have any more children. The old woman was still moaning as we came out, and I could not help feeling glad the tiny baby was spared a sad, neglected old age, and all the trials that come before it is reached, to so many women in India.

JAPAN—MISS DENTON.

At the close of the term the examinations went off well, and the closing exercises were most interesting. We invited all those directly connected with the school, either as teachers, lecturers (including the wives), all the graduates that live in Kyoto,—a company of about fifty,—to supper. The



exercises began at 1 P. M., and consisted, first, of the Christmas tree for the ragged Sunday school; one hundred and twenty children of all degrees of rags and uncleanness, as well as many in better attire, took part in the celebration, receiving from the missionaries very simple gifts,—cakes and oranges. The children had learned songs, Scripture verses and Christmas dialogues, and were very cunning in all they did. Then came drawing off-hand by the girls. The guests would ask for a landscape, a copy of a famous picture, or whatever they pleased, and the girls drew it right there. Next, a devotional exercise, and then supper. The supper consisted of soup, chicken stew, rice, pickles, cake, and oranges, and was warranted not to cost more than two and a half cents for each; and it did not. It was presented by the three foreign teachers. A musical programme followed. Then came the trial scene from the “Merchant of Venice,” in which the girls did beautifully. Our girls are just delightful! I have saved the very best for the last. Five girls were baptized at the Christmas communion, all giving evidence of a real and deep conversion, and all doing so well that we feel that the year’s work is richly repaid in them, and that they will go on to higher and better things. The spiritual tone of the school is comforting.

#### AFRICA—MR. DORWARD.

The work has shown a brighter side than ever before, and the fruits have begun to appear; some have ripened and others are ripening. Old feuds between families have been broken, and those who were bitter enemies go to the house of God together; a number of backsliders have been restored, new members admitted, and more seeking admission; five have recently been received into fellowship. A good work is going on among the heathen, and already a number have confessed Christ. Nine from one preaching place have done so, and others in other places are not indifferent. We hope and believe that we are in the beginning of a good work. A great many children have been gathered in from the kraals. They came in blankets merely; some thirty or more have been clothed, and they now appear more civilized than they did. Some of the dresses were sent to us by some society in America; the others were given us by another missionary. It is a great help to have these simple print garments made and sent out; they save the missionary much expense and labor. We make up many garments that look well enough from mere scraps from pattern books. The little boys are in full dress when they get on a shirt.

The work of a missionary at these stations runs out into so many lines. You would be surprised to stay here a few weeks and find what we are called upon to do. We have really to father them. Indeed, they frequently

address us by that name—"baba." It is amusing, till one becomes accustomed to it, to be addressed by some old person as "father." We have a people who listen attentively and appreciatively to the sermon, and who go home and talk it over point by point as much as they can recall; at least, many of the station people do. I do not mean that the raw heathen from the kraals do this. But many come to the station service every Sunday and give respectful attention. The way the reception by faith of the gospel message quickens both mind and heart is a constant marvel to us. We have, perhaps, an opportunity to witness its power as an intellectual stimulus in a more marked way than you can at home.

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### THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY HEADQUARTERS.

DOES it not seem almost too good to be true, this news about missionary headquarters? And yet there they are, in the beautiful Y. M. C. A. building; *ours*, and only waiting to be occupied.

How much it will mean to us all, this Mission Headquarters! What ties it will have between our workers in the home and foreign departments! What a help it will be to auxiliary members who need information, enthusiasm, suggestions! Here will be a welcome to all interested in the work. Here we can see the pictured faces of our missionaries, get their letters, read of their doings and needs, and, best of all, unite in earnest prayer for their safety, strength, and success!

The opening of our room will be on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 6th, at half past one, when a united service of dedication will be held by both societies. All our friends are most heartily invited to join in this hour of simple prayer and praise and cordial fellowship.

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### YOUNG LADIES' BRANCH.

BY ALICE M. FLINT, REC. SEC.

THE regular bi-monthly meeting of the Branch was held at the headquarters, Saturday afternoon, April 20th. The opening hymn was "Rescue the Perishing," followed by an Easter lesson from the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew. "Fear not" is the motto of our religion. However lofty may be the philosophy that is the foundation of any other religion, it is always based on fear. The women who were so sorrowful, who went out so sadly, were the first to receive a message from the risen Lord. The president followed this talk with a prayer.

The treasurer reported \$38.80 on hand at the present time.

The president reported an evening meeting held at the Third Congregational Church, San Francisco. There were about two hundred people there, who listened to a very interesting talk on Turkey by Mrs. Thom. There were also tableaux in costumes of Turkish life. There was a collection taken of \$7. The home secretary reported that in February ninety letters had been written and sent out to Sunday-school superintendents in regard to the Morning Star collections for this year. Thirty-seven replies have been received, and twenty-five have already sent for the mite boxes. Six schools have already been heard from, and \$49 have been received.

Attention was called to volumes of the *Missionary Herald* and LIFE AND LIGHT, which have been bound for the library through the kindness of a friend, making twenty more volumes for the library.

The Study Committee reported that the next subject would be "The Islands of the Sea," and the list of references would be found hanging up in the library.

The Executive Committee was instructed to arrange for a reception and prayer meeting to be held on board the Hiram Bingham, which will be in port in May.

The Thursday morning prayer meeting that is held every week in the room was spoken of, and attendance at that meeting was urged on all those present.

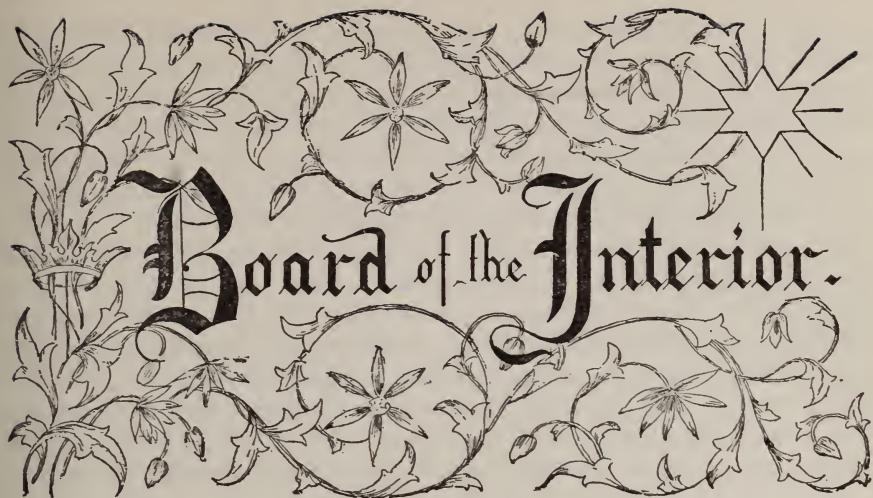
Miss Gouldy, formerly a missionary in Japan, gave a very interesting talk about the work in which she was engaged while in that country. She told of a girl she had had in her school who had been a dancing girl. She stayed there only a little while, and then disappeared. Six years later she received a letter from a friend in another mission saying that she was coming to make Miss Gouldy a visit, and would bring with her a Japanese girl. Miss Gouldy was very much pleased to recognize the girl as the one who had been in her school six years before. Her father had died rich, and left her to be educated in the school in Yokohama.

The last hymn was "Wonderful Words of Life," after which the meeting was brought to a close by the Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison.

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THE "Scattered Helpers" is a society in Canada composed of those who from age, sickness, distance, or manner of daily employment, cannot belong to the regular missionary society. "That nothing be lost" is the motto.





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YOURS? MINE?

BY FRANCES WELLS HUMPHREY.

IN His plan for the redemption of the world, God's wisdom far transcends the utmost compass of the loftiest human intellect. What earth-born enthusiast with infinite power at his command could begin to be a sharer in the eternal patience of God? He might have redeemed and perfected the world by one instantaneous act of omnipotence. Man rapt in fervent delight at the contemplation of the glories of a sin-freed world would doubtless have done so; only God, infinite in wisdom, long-suffering and justice, to whom a thousand years is as one day, who seeth the end from the beginning, lays out a plan of even balance and reflex influence which our finite intellects feebly apprehend.

With more or less unction we rehearse our litany, "Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners," and then we wonder with half-conscious complacency why the Lord has seen fit, in his gracious providence, to make us the objects of his special mercy. Our thoughts wander, it may be, across the sea to the lauds where our sisters sit in the darkness of degradation, despised and rejected

of men, as was the Saviour who died for them. "If, from its birthplace, the blessed light of Christianity had gone East, not West," we say, "our place to-day would be reversed. We should be the unfortunate, the oppressed, the downtrodden, while centuries of gospel light would have made our Oriental sisters fit substitutes to hold our important places." Then, with a prayer that God's kingdom may speedily come to all the ends of the earth, we go out to enlarge the important place given us by Christian civilization.

But stop! Make a more careful estimate. Who are the fortunate? Be not deceived. God's plan is not unbalanced. Take your Bible and read the long-forgotten story of the one who had his good things in this life, while at his gate lay his poor, afflicted brother. This world is mutually interdependent. For each of us educated, cultured Christian women, on the other side of the world another woman waits for the light which has been put into your hand and mine to carry to her. She is your opportunity, your responsibility. Unless you bring to her the light, she dies in darkness; and as she depends on you for the knowledge which is necessary to salvation, so on the fulfilling of your mission to her depends your own future happiness, for thus has God ordered it.

This is the work we in our Board are trying to do—to reach with our work, our money, and our prayers those heathen women whose salvation God has committed to us as one of the conditions of our own; and then to reach some one's else sister who, sad to say, does not realize her sacred responsibility; and then go on for the very love of the work—for it never fails to beget enthusiasm—till every knee shall bow.

Is *your* heathen woman converted?

CHICAGO.

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## CHINA.

### LETTER FROM MISS E. GERTRUDE WYCKOFF.

PANG-CHUAN<sup>6</sup>, CHINA, Jan. 19, 1895.

DEAR FRIEND: One week of our vacation is already gone, and before we know it schoolgirls and station classes will be on us once more. We hoped to make a tour in the next month, but by cart it would take us out two nights, and our friends here feel a little uneasy about our being so far from home these war times. There is apparently no danger, but in case trouble should occur our protectors in Tientsin could do nothing, so we have given up the tour. We are so glad we were able to go on as usual with station classes in the out stations as in former years; it has done much to keep our native

Christians in an undisturbed state of mind. The telegrams in the papers report a little more favorably for the Chinese, and the envoys are on their way to Japan to make peace. The Chinese are all dreading the spring, if the war closes, and the soldiers scatter. But we must leave the future in the hands of Him who always watches over and cares for his own.

Tuesday this week I gave my Sunday-school girls their yearly party. Thirty have attended over half the Sabbaths throughout the year, and to them I gave a package of bright cloth, beads, etc. To these, also, and the remainder present I distributed Chinese candy, which is a great luxury to these poor children. I had sixty-one, including babies, seated in the room, and after all were in order, I removed the screen which hid from view their surprise. It was a stepladder trimmed in Fourth of July colors, and on each package stood the prettiest dressed paper doll,—just a card cut out and dressed in dainty skirt and waist. They did look so pretty; with each bundle went a doll, followed by a “Thank you” from the recipient. After the distribution was completed we went out in front of our house, where a picture was taken; for such a crowd I think it is pretty good. Will send one soon. These little folks, though in heathen homes, know a good deal of the Truth, and I hope their hearts have more of it than we can see.

When the school closed there was an examination on the Christian and Chinese books. The girls did very well. It is wonderful how they memorize! Dr. Porter and four Chinese teachers, also their teacher, Mrs. Wang, and some of the ladies from the station were present. The teachers would fire a sentence, picked out here and there and everywhere, from which place each girl in turn must go right on without a break. It was interesting to watch their teacher; she sat intently listening, following herself as each sentence was given. I had three of the girls in geography, but they did not do their parts well, they got so mixed on the map. We feel very anxious for all these scholars that they may live the gospel, and answer their own prayers at home in this New Year season. They have so many temptations—and evil is constantly before them—that we know resistance is not always easy.

I do not think we wrote of a wedding in this village. The boy and his parents are Christians, and the latter said, “If we are to have a Christian wedding, let it be entirely Christian, without a trace of heathenism in it;” and so it was, and a very satisfactory, quiet one it was also. The sister of the bridegroom, a lovely Christian girl, married into a heathen home, but still earnestly trying to live a Christian life, did not know as there would be a Christian book for the bride, so wrapped one of hers up in a red cloth. But we had a Testament and the smaller books done up in a bright red handkerchief, and they were pleased to use them in meeting the bride.



A week ago I attended another wedding supposed to be Christian, but, owing to ill management, there was considerable heathen left, especially in meeting the bride. Here we prepared books also. When the bride reached the door, the books having been given her, some one said, "Hold them nicely;" at which she slung them on a table near by as much as to say, "Take them; what do I care for them!" I expect, coming from a purely heathen home, and not knowing anything about the Jesus church, its books and customs, she felt mean, and gave vent in that way. We shall hope for her conversion to Christianity in time. The funny thing was that Dr. Porter came pretty near marrying her without her husband. There was a dreadful crowd in the yard, and the boy could hardly press through. The pastor had begun the service, when, all of a sudden, the bridegroom rushed through the throng, hopped over the corner of the table, and stood in the doorway, a little in front of his bride, during the ceremony. On the window sill of the bride's room were two stalks of some kind of grass bound together by red paper; also two stalks of onions similarly bound; also some tiny bundles in red paper containing stones and bean curd. To all of these is attached some superstitious meaning, perhaps a little more important than that of the horse-shoe, rice, etc., with us. It was all sent by the mother, who is a strict heathen.

Poor Chinese brides! No wonder the thought of a new home which has never been seen, whose members she does not know,—not even her husband,—has little attraction for her; it means no happiness to a Chinese girl to get married. There is no feeling of gladness comes to her, and oftentimes she is so disappointed and ill-treated that death by her own hand seems a relief to her.

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#### LETTER FROM MISS MARY P. AMENT.

PEKING, CHINA, March 25, 1895.

MY DEAR MISS POLLOCK: . . . The Emily Ament Memorial School is going on most prosperously at present. New scholars have been added; the attention to lessons is improved. I teach geography once a week, and the advanced ones have arithmetic every day. The clinics in the next court draw in a number of women and children, who seem greatly pleased with the songs and the talks about our planet, which are always illustrated in sand, dough, or paper.

To-day is springtide, and the Japanese gunboats being at Taku, it remains to be seen whether they will land troops and begin the long expected attack. Our two weeks of revival meetings are over, at any rate, and a most profitable

time we have had. Over twenty are determined upon being Christians, and some ten have been received on probation. When, at the last meeting, Mr. Ament gave out the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," the murmur of approbation was quite noticeable, and the heartiness with which the hymn was sung augured well for the days to come when the routine of work makes it necessary to separate, and when the impressions of these days will be tested.

Some cases of defection have occurred that sadden us, and I fear three women's names must be cut off from the list of church members. Our Bible women dread to tell us when they find proof of wrongdoing, "Because it will grieve your hearts so much;" and I am glad to say they do not have occasion to do so very often.

We have so enjoyed this winter's work, and now hope that war, if it must approach nearer, will only open new doors of opportunity; for where there is fear or suffering, there the gospel of the blessed Christ proves all-powerful to comfort and relieve.

We do feel deep concern for our Manchu friends should there be a change of dynasty. That event, however, seems less probable than awhile ago. If China is to be thrown open to commerce, we may encounter new difficulties as well as new opportunities. We pray to be equipped for the warfare, whatever it may be. Rev. Gilbert Reed, whose mission among the higher classes you may have heard about, has been most helpful to us in our revival meetings. He is making good progress in laying foundations for the work he hopes to accomplish, and seems peculiarly fitted to work among officials. I trust he may be able to turn their thoughts, as he desires, to plans for improving the condition of the common people, and that much of their ill-gotten gain may be diverted into channels of helpfulness, as they are shown what may be done in these latter days to inform and elevate those whose ignorance makes them a danger to society.

I believe the war, while it reveals the sad need of the Chinese for regeneration, is going to result in increased efforts for her salvation. It already has had that effect here on the ground, and the blessing of the past weeks seems like an indication of the Lord's intentions. The more the need is made evident to the Christian world and to the hearts of the Chinese that they need a Saviour the more certain I am that funds will flow in, and men be moved to take up the work. We do not want it all to end in railroads and German militarism, plenty of foreign rum and whiskey, and specimens of foreign civilization who come over to make money out of the Chinese, but we want Christian work to keep abreast of the tide. Pray earnestly that something more than civilization in the ordinary sense may come out of the war.

The *Mission Studies* in its new form is a pleasure to the æsthetic taste; the feel of the paper suggests progress over the first editions, and now the sweet face of our own Miss Porter looks ever hopefully and expectantly out at us. We hope to see her at the mission meeting, and hear her talk of the work on the home side.

We are having an interesting work among the British marines. "Pleasant Sunday afternoons" are arranged for them at the Legation. Yesterday Dr. Murdock read them a selection, and Dr. Waples gave a Bible reading. Some have been converted while here.

Mrs. Cora Riggs Waples is here at present. We are so glad to have her and her most admirable husband with us. I think the change will be helpful to her. It was a hard winter; their dear little boy died of malignant small-pox, and they have worked on so bravely. My heart aches for her. The consul's letter to them decided them to come,—Miss Williams and Mrs. Sprague, also.

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## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM MISS LIZZIE S. WEBB.

ADANA, April 4, 1895.

DEAR MISS POLLOCK: Knowing your interest in everything that concerns our work, I wanted to tell you a little about our church, and a meeting we had with the women a short time ago.

Our people have been using their church in an unfinished state for thirteen years. The bare, ugly walls stare us in the face every time we go to service, and the rafters and timbers which hold up the roof remind one of the bones of a skeleton. This year is an unusually bad one financially, but a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the present condition of things seems to have taken possession of the people. No doubt this was partly brought about by the present of a beautiful pulpit from the members of this church who are in America, and the contrast made the walls of the church look uglier than before. Of course they could not ask help from the Board in its straitened condition; and, besides, one of our native brethren remarked to me that they were tired of being beggars. So they determined, if possible, to do this themselves.

But the matter of a kindergarten for the children of the Protestant community seemed to demand immediate attention even more than finishing the church. So, at first, it was decided that the women should take up this,



while the men gave their attention to the church. But we soon saw that this was not a good plan, and after the women had raised about one quarter of the money necessary for the kindergarten, Mrs. Montgomery and I decided to take the responsibility of the rest of it, and let the women also have a share in finishing the church.

The preacher started this work with a most earnest sermon from the text, "The temple of God is with men;" and as he pictured what the temple should be, first in a spiritual sense, and then in its material form, I think all there felt, as never before, the contrast between the ideal and *our* reality. But what an impossibility it seemed in view of these words from the same sermon: "In presenting this subject, don't think I am ignorant of your condition. I know that many of you have eaten no meat for weeks." But as he described the conditions under which the Jewish tabernacle was built, and the free-will offerings for that, I think every heart there responded in sympathy.

The subscriptions of the men now amounted to \$375. It was decided to have a special meeting for the women, to which they should be invited to bring their offerings. Mrs. Montgomery and the preacher's wife spent a week in calling, to arouse their interest in the work. But at every house they found them already thoroughly interested.

Some of the women were so poor that we would wonder whether there was anything in the house they could give. Mrs. Montgomery spoke especially of one place where the only thing she saw that could possibly be sold was four copper dishes used in cooking their food. But nothing so common was to be this woman's offering. She still possessed a ring, the gift of her husband at their marriage, and when the day came this was laid on the table.

The day of the meeting was showery; but, as if to shame our lack of faith, the church was nearly filled; and when the time came for the offerings—well, I can't describe it. One had to be there and feel it. Imagine the story of the offerings for the tabernacle brought down to the present day, and you will have something of a picture of it. Almost all of our girls were there, as well as those from the city schools, and almost every child had brought at least something. Besides the offerings in money, amounting to \$132, there were six finger rings, an old antique earring and chain, a breastpin, a large, solid silver buckle, various articles of clothing, a brass mortar, etc. But, best of all, was the joy of the whole congregation. I have never seen our preacher so happy before, and the church has not been so united, and in such a good state spiritually, since my coming to the mission.

They estimate that these repairs will cost nine hundred dollars, but they depend on forty-five dollars from the Sunday-school children, and some help from the members of the church in America; and, having begun so bravely, I have faith that they will be able to accomplish it.

*April 16.* Your letter with regard to the money came last Saturday evening, *just* in time for our Easter examination.

I wish you could have been there. We decorated the church with palm branches and flowers—four large bunches on each side of the pulpit, two of them forming an arch over it, with the ten pictures to be used in the examinations hung on a curtain under the arch, and just above the pulpit. In front of the pulpit was a large box about four feet long, filled with earth, and stuck with flowers of every kind.

After the children had chanted the Lord's Prayer, one class gave recitations from the story of Christ's resurrection, and then they sang a Turkish translation of

"Sweetly the birds are singing  
At Easter dawn."

We have been studying the lives of Joseph and Moses. Each class had a lesson, and as they rose to be examined, the picture illustrating it was pointed out and explained to the audience. After finishing the life of Joseph there was a song, and another at the end of the lessons. Then the preacher announced the average attendance during the past three months,—two hundred and seventy-two,—after which those who had been present every Sunday rose and recited a verse. Also those who had been present and had brought a contribution every Sunday recited a verse. Then the contributions of each class were announced, and a part of your letter read. The women in their missionary meeting have learned about Miss Nancy Jones, and they were very happy to think that some money from Adana had gone to help in her work. I am going to tell the children more about her next Sunday.

The church was so full at our examinations that a good many stood all through it. Every one seemed pleased. It certainly makes the parents realize more the importance of sending their children to Sunday school. The bags yielded about twenty dollars this time, making about fifty-two since last October.

We have been having vacation for nearly a week, but school begins again to-morrow. We shall live in a whirl until school closes. My visit home seems more uncertain than ever. My sister cannot carry on things alone, and there seems to be no one who can come to our help. But if the duty

comes, of course the strength will be given with it, so I am quietly waiting. Pray for our graduating class. I fear they are not all heart Christians.

“But O dear friends who have been baptized into the name of Him who gave himself for the whole world, and who requires us to be like-minded with him, how is it that you turn a deaf or rebellious ear to his voice which commands us to go out from our favored city and nation into the highways and hedges, and even to the ends of the world, with the tidings of his love? ‘Not interested in foreign missions’ seems nothing else than a self-indictment of failure to sympathize with Christ, and to comprehend His sublime purpose. Our noblest women of wealth and culture reach for higher things than amusement and display. What is there so broad, so deep, so high, so far-reaching, as this work for the hopeless womanhood of every land where Christ is not known, and loved, and obeyed?”—*Mrs. F. A. Noble, in Mission Studies.*

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#### EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM MISS F. C. GAGE.

MARSOVAN, TURKEY.

MY DEAR MRS. LEAKE: I especially meant to have written on the day I promised, but that day was fuller than most others of extras,—girls who had heartaches to tell; girls who had sins to be repented of; girls who had trouble in making their brains come up to their own and their teachers' ambition for them; girls who had bodily ills and pocketbook lacks; and especially girls who had no desires, mentally, morally, or physically, but who were perfectly and sublimely oblivious to their very obvious lacks in each department. I think it must have been God's way of answering your prayers for me, and it certainly was direct answer to mine. “That I may be used,” is the constant prayer of my heart, and I told the girls about the prayers that were ascending to God's throne for them and for their teachers. They seemed especially interested and thankful, and asked me to send their love and thanks to you at our home who thought of them and us. The weekly prayer meeting on that Wednesday night was very sweet and tender. Oh, I never realized what it was to trust God for everything as I do here in Turkey! At home it was usually possible to carry out most of the things I really undertook, and it was easier to see that they were my doings than that they were God's plans. But I have learned more of my own powerlessness and God's watchful care and careful planning in this one year than in all my life before. I am glad I came to Turkey in these troublous times.



Friend of all who seek Thy favor,  
 Us defend  
 To the end.  
 Be our utmost Saviour!  
 Infinitely dear and precious,  
 With Thy love  
 From above  
 Evermore refresh us!

—Charles Wesley.

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## AFRICA.

### HOW THE YOUNG MISSIONARIES ARE KEPT BUSY.

MT. SILINDA, GAZALAND, Jan. 8, 1895.

I HAVE been very busy, a number of things pressing for immediate attention, while only one at a time could be attended to. Since we have a cow and calf we need a place to keep them from the lions and from storms, so I have been trying to make a stable, and one with a floor, so that the inmates may be dry and clean. This feature of it makes it so strange to the natives that I can employ their help but little, but have to do the major part of it with my own hands. Then our house needs fixing up and remodeling somewhat.

We have made arrangements to have Silina, a Zulu girl who has been with Miss Jones, stay with us, help Mary, interpret for me, help me with the language, etc., and we have no room for her, and I must try to build one on. Our kitchen, too, down below is very unsatisfactory, and I want to build one on a level with our upper floor. Then we need a room for a spare room. None of these jobs are so very big, but all together, and with a thousand other little things, it is difficult to get through with them. The young locusts are hatching out in immense numbers all about the country (although not just where we are as yet), and the natives, fearing that their crops will be destroyed (which, I suppose, is nothing unlikely), do not want to sell food now, so that we are anxious to make something of our gardens (if they should continue to escape). This state of affairs makes it very hard for the settlers who have been coming into the country, as many came in with little provisions, and have not had time to raise much. One man, who has been in the country over two years, and had a prospect of fine crops, had the most of them destroyed by locusts in one day. He has planted again, but meanwhile he is rather hard up, and it is uncertain whether his second crops can escape the young locusts.

A good many of the settlers about the country have been sick, and some have died. The Boer farmers who came in here all have a strong desire to settle near a stream of water which flows through a fertile valley, where irrigation can be easily employed. The result is that many of them get into the worst possible places as regards exposure to malaria.

On New Year's Day I was called to go and see a family five or six miles from here, three of whom were sick with fever. While on the way to the place we met messengers bringing a letter calling me to come as soon as possible to

see a very sick man about thirty miles away. I went on and attended to the first-mentioned sickness, and then went home to get ready for the longer trip. When I got home there were letters waiting for me from two other localities asking medicine. I put up medicine for these, and went to our nearest neighbors, got a horse, and went and stayed over night at the place where my first-mentioned patients were. The next day I went on, and reached my destination toward night, having traveled over a very rough country, and twice my horse sank in the mire, so that I had to get off, take the saddle off, etc., to get him out, to find that the man whom I was called to see had died on the last night of the old year. But there were four others down with fever who needed attention, which I gave as best I could. In the morning I was asked to go and see a family some eight or nine miles distant. Just before we got there one of the men who went with me shot a sable antelope with my gun. This seemed a very happy circumstance, as we found the family very destitute of food, having only a little upoko meal, some wild lemons and a little coffee. They had all been very sick, and were scarcely able to crawl about. I was told that they were married when the girl was twelve and the man fourteen or fifteen years old. Having done what I could for them I rode on, and toward night came to a Dutch farm, where I spent the night, and was kindly entertained.

IN the *Missionary Review* for April appears a most impressive biographical sketch of one of the church's missionary heroes—Dr. Andrew P. Happer, of the Presbyterian Board. The *Daily Press* of Canton said of him: "He is, we believe, the only Protestant missionary who has remained at his post for the long period of forty years. He will be missed in Canton and China. He had the ear of the people here. He had the wisdom of long experience, and the courage of conviction." To read this careful delineation of this typical missionary life is to set higher aims before one's mind and heart. To begin to read it is to read it all. It ought to be a leaflet for distribution among young people.

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## Home Department.

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### STUDIES IN MISSIONS.

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#### PLAN OF LESSONS, 1895.

*July.*—Our Opposite Neighbors.

*August.*—Current Events.

*September.*—Thank Offering.

*October.*—The Kindergarten in Foreign Lands.

*November.*—The Church of God in Madagascar.

*December.*—Review of 1895.

## OUR OPPOSITE NEIGHBORS.

OUR topic this month was to have been "Bright Bits of History from China," having special reference to missionary history. But the deep interest awakened on behalf of China during the recent war seems sufficient reason for giving our month's study a wider range. The usual helps will be found in the *Mission Studies*, published at 59 Dearborn St., Chicago.

*Who are these neighbors?* Study the Chinese, Mongols, Manchus, and Aborigines. See the "Cyclopedia of Missions," published by Funk & Wagnalls, New York; and "The Middle Kingdom," by S. Wells Williams. These books will be helpful in the preparation of all these topics.

*How many of these "Opposite Neighbors" have we?* *Ibid.*; also *Missionary Review*, February and April, 1888.

*Where do they live?*

*How do they live?* See "Children and Chinese Homes," by Mrs. Bryson.

*Some things they believe and their consequences.* See "Chinese Characteristics," by Rev. Arthur Smith. F. H. Revell Co., Chicago.

*Some phases of the recent war.* See *Missionary Review*, October, November, and December, 1894. "The Down Dog," Miss Miner in *The Advance*, April 18th.

*Why were our Chinese neighbors defeated?*

*What have Christian Samaritans done for them?*

*What are Congregationalists doing?* See Annual Report of the American Board.

*What are we doing?* See Annual Report of the W. B. M. I.

*Probable results of the war.*

*Some bright bits; some gleams of hope.*

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ONE who attended the Missionary Rally in Dr. Goodwin's church, on the 30th and 31st of May, could not help wishing that instead of the audience already in sympathy with the speakers, their places could have been taken by others ignorant of the great work of missions and uninterested in it. The speakers were enthusiastic, the programme was carefully thought out, and earnest words fell into interested ears and hearts. But when can the experiment be tried of getting such speakers as Dr. Green and Dr. Davis before a club or society of men such as those who gather to hear and do honor to a distinguished traveler, or explorer, or scientist?

The magazines and papers have much to say about Turkey, Japan, and China in these days. Here were men who knew the situation, who knew the people, as no traveler or explorer could know them, and whose words were wise and discriminating—such as carry weight with men of intelligence and thoughtfulness. But though we wish the audiences could have been more general, those present already in sympathy with the speakers felt new courage and zeal, and increasing interest.



We saw while Dr. Green spoke the few laborers sent first from our American Board planting their handful of corn; now the great fields of whitening grain seemed to wave before our eyes as Dr. Green waved his wand over the map.

Dr. Davis's especial word of encouragement was when he said in regard to the Christian churches of Japan that a reaction had come, and that the tendency was no longer so marked toward unbelief, and that no church would be lost.

Mrs. Jeffrey spoke of the many doors now open to missionaries in India, and we wished again that more people could hear her tell of them. But as one speaker said: "Christ gave the command to disciple the world to eleven men, and they went forth. Then the few at Williamstown heard the same message. They were fewer than the disciples, and the world was greater, but they, too, were undaunted." So we who are so many have no right to go mourning and discouraged because more do not come to our help. Gates open and walls fall down before our messengers, while swift wings carry them to the uttermost parts of the world. While these missionaries talked, Turkey, Japan, and India seemed almost won for Christ, and we felt like crying, "Lord, do not leave me out of this conquering army; let me go up with them to victory."

Another speaker said that the attitude of our young people was a prophecy of the future. Once a noble and enthusiastic youthful band talked and worked for human liberty, and slavery fell before the gray heads of that generation; now the young army of Christian Endeavorers go up to their conventions, not to talk goody goody talk, but to plan and work for the world's conversion. Will not that great event take place while their heads are silvering?

"Conversion of the world! Stupendous thought! Are we thanking God enough for opening the world? Hearts full of real praise go forward into greater work."

"Hard times, and not hard times. The great body of people are not sacrificing in giving."

"To-day's danger, getting used to the cry of distress, and not heeding it. Becoming familiar with the needs of fellow-men and making no effort to relieve them, we grow callous. We need not more information, but more of Christ's spirit. We need not more money, but more religion. Only in hard times can our religion be tested."

"We have the same heritage Christ had: 'As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.'"

The first meeting of the rally was on Decoration Day, and patriotic allusions were numerous. They fell with deepest effect from lips that had joined in the battle cries and battle songs.

So when the war time is over, and the songs of victory ascend before the throne and ascriptions of praise to the Captain of our salvation, how can we join in them if we were not of that mighty army, even though in the most humble place and rank?

Who is on the Lord's side,  
In the fight with sin?  
See His captains forward ride;  
Follow them, and win!

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## In Memoriam.

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MRS. F. A. NOBLE.

ANOTHER choice spirit has been received into the innumerable company before the throne, who cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." Another loving heart, whose self-denial, and gifts, and prayers have inspired many to join in this blessed work of missions, has gone where faith is lost in sight. Mrs. Lucy Perry Noble, wife of Rev. F. A. Noble, D.D., of Union Park Church, Chicago, passed into her heavenly home just before daybreak June 7th. Since she came to this church the offerings of its women to foreign missions have more than doubled, and one year they were quadrupled. A prayer offered by her in the little woman's meeting on the day of prayer for our W. B. M. I. treasury, May 24th, would explain her wonderful influence. Such confessions from one who seemed to others to have no sins to confess, such entire consecration of all to Christ, such pleading for the Holy Spirit that the zeal of the Lord of Hosts might accomplish the work of saving the world (Is. ix. 6), were never heard from other lips. It seems impossible that that prayer should not be answered in the relief of our Board from its present straits. The Holy Spirit she asked for will surely touch many hearts.

On the same day, just two weeks before her translation, Mrs. Noble was at our Friday morning meeting at 59 Dearborn Street, joining silently in prayer for our treasury, and reporting the gifts for the debt from her beloved church. Those who have ever seen her can realize how her face shone with love and interest.

Mrs. Noble's training in a New England parsonage, her early consecration to our Lord Jesus, her education in the well-known Meriden Academy, N. H., her experience of some years as an especially beloved teacher, her early married life on home missionary ground, her beautiful motherhood, all helped to make her the well-rounded, symmetrical Christian she was. She walked with God daily, but she also loved very humanly. She moved about in the circles of church life an uncrowned queen, guiding and ruling almost every department simply by the power of her love. With the clearest judgment, with a discrimination that saw the faults and failings of her friends, and made them see them too, she yet loved them so much, and entered into their needs and sorrows with such sympathy, that it was a joy to be led by her.

No other friend has so often illustrated and emphasized to us the words "God is love." Her meekness and faithfulness as a friend, her never-failing loving-kindness and charity, were but the faint shining forth of the great light of love which is God. If the creature so surpasses all our earthly ideals, what must the Creator be?

This dear friend asked that no obituary notices should be written of her. But she is not dead. She lives in light, and joy, and activity, the brave, strong spirit no longer limited by a delicate body. She lives just beyond the veil, and the hearts of those left behind must speak out.

M. J. W.

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## WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

MRS. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 10 TO MAY 10, 1895.

## ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. Alton, Ch. of the Redeemer, 19.75; Champaign, const. Alice Howe and Elizabeth Graff L. M.'s, 45; Chicago, Covenant Ch., 15; Kenwood Ch., 65; Leavitt St. Ch., 4.35; Lincoln Park Ch., 12.50; New England Ch., 45; Plymouth Ch., 31.50; Union Park Ch., a Friend, 25; Elgin, 13; Forrest, 10; Glencoe, 8.80; Harvey, 4.92; Hinsdale, 400; Huntley, 2.57; Ivanhoe, 6.60; Illinois, Mrs. I. Abrams, 10, Miss M. E. D., 5, Remainder of coll. made by Mrs. Logan after deducting traveling expenses, 16.69; Lee Center, 6; Loda, 10; La Grange, 10; Lyonsville, 8.50; Moline, 1.02; Payson, 28.80, Mrs. J. S. Scarborough, 100; Port Byron, 17.82; Park Ridge, 5; Peoria, First Ch., 18.13; Roodhouse, 2.50; Rogers Park, 6; Rantoul, 7; Sandwich, 1,	962 45
JUNIOR: Chicago, New England Ch., 40, Warren Ave. Ch., 27.80; Glencoe, 10.50; Rogers Park, King's Daughters, 10,	88 30
JUVENILE: Moline, Mission Helpers, 6; Oak Park, 17.53; Stillman Valley, 3.10; Thawville, 1.25,	27 93
C. E.: Buda, 10; Chicago, Covenant Ch., 4.50; Englewood, Green St. Ch., 6.25; Granville, 10; Newtown, 1.05; Oneida, 3.02; Ottawa, 16.36; Peoria, First Ch., 8,	59 18
JUNIOR C. E.: Abington, 9; Chicago, Lincoln Park Ch., 10; Quincy, 5,	24 00
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Chicago, Warren Ave. Ch.,	10 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Evington, 2.35; Chicago, University Ch., 10,	12 35
FOR THE DEBT: Chicago, Lincoln Park Ch., C. E., 100; Glencoe, 100, Elsie and Maude Dewar and Mable White, 7,	207 00
Collection at An. Meeting Ill. Branch, held at Griggsville, April 9th and 10th, to const. Miss A. Hatch L. M.,	36 20
SPECIAL: Chicago Ave. Ch., for Miss Russell,	25 00
Total,	1,452 41

## INDIANA.

BRANCH.—Miss M. E. Perry, of Indianapolis, Treas. Elkhart, 23.38; Terre Haute, 19.15; Washington, 86.50,	129 03
JUNIOR: Ft. Wayne,	1 85
JUVENILE: Elkhart, Annie L. Howe Band, 23.26; Glory Band, 4,	27 26
C. E.: Hobart,	5 00
Total,	163 14

## IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell, Treas. Allison, Miss Christina Barlow, 5; Almorat, Cong. Ch., 12; Belle Plaine, 12; Belmont, 1.75; Cedar Rapids, 3.65; Miss Caroline Rice, 1, Mrs. Charlotte Dean, 1; Central City, 10.60; Chester Center, 1.41; Clinton, 10; Columbus City, 6.65; Corning, Mrs. Heiser, 1, Mrs. Peet, 1; Creston, 6.25; Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 8.33; Eldora, Cong. Ch., 4.30; Fairfield, 1; Ft. Dodge, 20.65; Garden Prairie, Ladies' Aid, 10; Gilbert Station, 3.60; Grinnell, 36.60; Iowa City, 7.50;	
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Kellogg, 2 65; Lyons, 10.95; Magnolia, 3.80, Ladies of Cong. Ch., 80 cts.; Maquoketa, Easter Offering, 10; Mason City, 13.96; McGregor, 7.98; Newton, 8.25; Ogden, 3.65; Orient, 5; Percival, 9.90; Prairie City, 7; Sabula, Mrs. H. H. Wood, 5; Saratoga, Ladies of Cong. Ch., 5; Sloan, Mrs. Rebekah Gallaher, 10; Traer, 4.65; Proceeds of Toshi Koshi Party, 25.50; Waterloo, Mrs. Lucy V. Leavitt, 44 52,	345 90
C. E.: Dubuque, First Ch., 5; Percival, 3,	8 00
JUVENILE: Cedar Rapids, Willing Workers, 2; Grinnell, Busy Bees, S. Br., 2.17; W. Br., 8.80; Westfield, 4,	16 97
JUNIOR C. E.: Anita, 1.75; Eldora, 1,	2 75
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Davenport, German Ch., 10.27; Grinnell, 5.50; Lake View, 2.63,	18 40
THANK OFFERING: Chester Center, Busy Bees,	1 00
Total,	393 02

## KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Coats, of Topeka, Treas. Argentine, 10; Dover, 5; Garnett, 5; Newton, 2.50; Paola, 5; Smith Center, 4; Topeka, First Ch., 6.20, Central Ch., 3.42; Valley Falls, 2.15,	43 27
C. E.: Fairview, 5; Kansas City, 5.75; Kiowa, 5,	15 75
JUNIOR C. E.: Paola,	2 15
Sabtha.—Hossar Bros.,	6 50
Total,	67 67

## MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Alpena, 13; Dorr, const. Mrs. E. N. Bates L. M., 25; Frankfort, 9.25; Greenville, 18.85; Hudson, 40; Litchfield, 4.50; Lansing, Plymouth Ch., 8.83; Ludington, 12.14; Oliver, 25; Portland, 1.75; Pontiac, 3.50; Three Oaks, 9.10; Watervliet, H. and F. M. S., 1.25; A Friend, 12.5,	297 17
JUNIOR: Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., 17.25; Greenville, 5; Pontiac, 10,	32 25
JUVENILE: Greenville, Children's Band, 1.40; Watervliet, Mountain Rills, 5.45,	6 85
C. E.: Dowagiac, 6; Flint, 5; Grand Haven, 10,	1 20
JUNIOR C. E.: Carsonville, 1; Memphis, 1.30,	2 30
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Cheboygan, 8.15; Litchfield, 2.60; Webster, 1.56,	12 31
FOR THE DEBT: Whitaker, Mrs. H. Day,	1 00
FOR THE HARRIET LOVELL MEMORIAL FUND: Allegan, Mrs. M. M. Martin, 5; Ann Arbor, Mrs. J. B. Angell, 50,	55 00
Total,	427 88

## MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 E. University Ave., St. Paul, Treas. Austin, 15.09; Claremont, 1; Cottage Grove, 5.50; Detroit City, 5; Glencoe, 10; Hamilton, 5.50; Lambert, 2; Mapleton, 1.90; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 7.97, Pilgrim Ch., 1.50; Northfield, 51.23; Rochester, 39.25; Stewartville, 1.44; Tintah, 1; Coll. at Annual Branch Meeting, 17.16,	165 54
C. E.: Faribault, 15; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 37.50; Morris, 5; Ortonville,	



10; Rochester, 10; Winona, First Ch., 123,	200 50
JUVENILE: Duluth, Plymouth Ch., Pine Needle M. B.,	3 50
JUNIOR C. E.: Ada, 5.25; Anoka, 75 cts.; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 10; St. Paul, Pacific Ch., 2,	18 00
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Lamberton, 2; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., Junior Dept., 25; St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., 2.13,	29 13
	416 67
Less expenses,	5 50
Total,	411 17
MISSOURI.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis., Treas. Hannibal, 25; Kidder, 5; St. Joseph, Tabernacle Ch., 12.17; St. Louis, First Ch., 32.10, Compton Hill Ch., 10.75, Hope Ch., 2.75,	87 77
C. E.: Carthage, 2.50; Rogers, Ark., 6; Springfield, First Ch., 5,	13 50
SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Louis, German Ch.,	5 00
	106 27
Less expenses,	61 89
Total,	44 38
OHIO.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Akron, First Ch., 20; Atwater, 2; Berea, 7; Cincinnati, Vine St. Ch., 65; Cleveland, First Ch., 61, Franklin Ave. Ch., 5, Olivet Ch., 1.83, Trinity Ch., 20; Cortland, 1.65; Cuyahoga Falls, 3.55; Lindenville, 3; Lyme, 16.61; Medina, 10; Mt. Vernon, const. Ellen F. Day, L. M., 25; Oberlin, 55; Parkman, 5; Sandusky, 5; South Newbury, 20; Springfield, First Ch., 10; Toledo, Washington St. Ch., 22; Wakeman, 8 50; W. Andover, 5; York, 10,	382 14
JUNIOR: Marietta, 50; Lake Erie Seminary, 50,	100 00
C. E.: Cleveland, Archwood Ave. Ch. 5; Conneaut, 5; Elyria, 20; Medina, 10; Oberlin, First Ch., 20; Painesville, 10; Toledo, First Ch., 15; Wakeman, 10; Wellington, 8.60,	103 60
JUVENILE: Mansfield, Children's Hour,	5 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Cleveland, Trinity Ch., 5; Oberlin, First Ch., 20; Ravenna, 2.90; Sandusky, 10; Newport, Ky., 5,	42 90
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Akron, West Ch., 5; Cleveland, Enclid Ave. Ch., 7.97; Elyria, 20; Oberlin, Second Ch., 9.50; Parkman, 1,	43 47
THANK OFFERINGS: Brownhelm, 11; Hudson, 10.79,	21 79
FOR THE DEBT: Cleveland, Enclid Ave. Ch., Personal, 50; Geneva, a Friend, 5; West Cleveland, a Friend, 1,	56 00
	754 90
Less expenses,	9 05
Total,	745 85
CORRECTION.—In May LIFE AND LIGHT, Tallmadge, 13 should be 10.	
SOUTH DAKOTA.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. W. R. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Athol, 2; Buffalo Gap, 3; Onhe, 5; Beresford, Pioneer Ch., 1; Santee Agency, W. M. S., 5, Pilgrim Ch., Indian W. M. S., 5.10, Normal Training School, 11.53, Bazile Ch., 2; Yankton, 33.87,	68 50

JUVENILE: Beresford, M. B., 5; Buffalo Gap, Little Helpers, 2,	7 00
	Total,
The above 11.53 from the Normal Training School of Santee Agency was included in "Total for Month" in report of April 10th.	75 50
WISCONSIN.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Beloit, First Ch., 17.50; Delevan, 11.55; Endeavor, 3; Kinnickinnic, 3.60; Green Bay, East Side Pres. Ch., 25; La Crosse, 37.55; Milwaukee, North Side Ch., 4.97, Grand Ave. Ch., 25, Pilgrim Ch., 20; Pleasant Valley, 2.55; Pittsville, 6; Platteville, 25; Ripon, 25; Wauwatosa, 30; Waupun, 20,	256 72
EXTRA GIFTS: Brandon, Mrs. F. M. Hillman, 25; Endeavor, Mrs. E. L. Child, 2; Kilbourn, Mrs. M. M. Jenkins, for Bible Woman, 12.50; River Falls, Thank Off., 13; Wisconsin, a Friend, 10,	62 50
FOR THE DEBT: Platteville,	4 00
JUNIOR: Beloit, First Ch., 7.50; Burlington, 10; Edgerton, C. E., 10; Endeavor, 12.15; Fox Lake, 2.50; South Milwaukee, C. E., 4,	46 15
JUVENILE: Prentice,	6 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Endeavor, 3.50; Milton, 4; South Milwaukee, 2.30; Whitewater, 4,	13 80
	389 17
Less expenses,	17 78
Total,	371 39
LIFE MEMBERS: Platteville, Mrs. Jennie Ottiker; Wauwatosa, Miss Winifred Ledyard by Mrs. Ledyard.	
OMISSION.—From Wisconsin report in June LIFE AND LIGHT,	
Less expenses,	14 64
Total,	4,222 71
WYOMING.	
UNION.—Mrs. H. N. Smith, of Rock Springs, Treas. Rock Springs,	5 70
CALIFORNIA.	
Sacramento.—A Friend, 20; Santa Paula, Eunice W. Blanchard, 2,	22 00
Total,	22 00
JAPAN.	
Kyoto.—Miss H. M. B., const. Mrs. E. L. Benedict, of Clinton, Wis., L. M.,	25 00
MASSACHUSETTS.	
Haverhill.—Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, for debt,	5 00
Total,	5 00
NORTH CAROLINA.	
Asheville.—Mrs. Clarissa Moore, for debt,	1 00
Total,	1 00
TURKEY.	
Oorfa.—A Friend, for debt,	10 00
Total,	10 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Sale of leaflets, 12.21; mite boxes, 4.45; envelopes, 4.58; express refunded, 50 cts.,	21 74
Receipts for month,	4,231 32
Previously acknowledged,	30,796 90
Total since Oct. 26, 1894.	\$35,028 22
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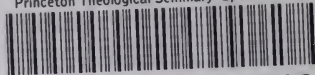


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